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DIDN'T WE BECOME KNIGHTS...
TO CHANGE THINGS LIKE THAT?
BECAUSE NOTHING WOULD CHANGE IF WE WERE JUST HOWLING FROM BELOW.
WE WOULD GAIN HONOR AND WIN THEIR TRUST.
AND CHANGE THE EMPIRE FROM WITHIN!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YURI?
……ッ

IT'S BE-CAUSE I COULDN'T DO THAT THAT I-!
I KNOW.
SO IN ORDER TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE, I SHOULD JUST STAY QUIET WHILE KIDS GET FED TO MON-STERS?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO JUST OVERLOOK HOW THE PEOPLE IN THE LOWER QUARTER ARE BEING BLED DRY BY TAXES?!
!!
BUT WHAT HAVE YOU CHANGED SINCE?

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SINCE YOU QUIT THE KNIGHTS,
WHAT HAVE YOU CHANGED, YURI?
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YURI!
パン
.....
I DID IT AGAIN...

I'M SORRY YOU HAD TO SEE THAT.
UM... FLYNN?
I JUST...
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO NOW?
SO,
!
I JUST WANT HIM TO MOVE FORWARD.
...I WON-DER.
... INSTEAD OF JUST SITTING AND SMOULD-ERING ALL THE TIME.
IF IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO GO...

...
WHY?
I FEEL LIKE SO MUCH HAS CHANGED DURING MY JOURNEY WITH YURI.
THE EMPIRE,
THE WORLD,
AND...
MY-SELF!

LIEUT-ENANT FLYNN ...!!
I SEE.
.....
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT ....?
CER-TAINLY.
EH...
?
YOUNG MAN!
TELL YURI I'M TRUSTING HIM TO LOOK AFTER HER.
M-ME?!

FLYNN,
YOU REALLY TRUST HIM, DON'T YOU?
I DO.
I WOULD PREFER TO PROTECT YOU MYSELF, BUT I'M AFRAID WITH OUR MISSION WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES.
AT LEAST IF IT'S YURI I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
IF THAT'S ALL SETTLED, ISN'T IT TIME WE GOT GOING?
IF WE DON'T HURRY...
WE'RE GOING TO LOSE HIM!

NO-
THING'S
CHANG-
ED...!!
I
KNOW
THAT
...!!

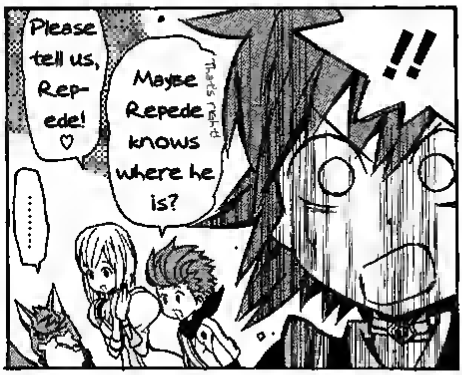
.....
I GUESS I SHOULD LOOK FOR THE TRAIL OF THE CORE...

EVEN THE KNIGHTS - EVEN THOUGH IT IS THEIR JOB - COMING ALL THIS WAY FROM THE CAPITAL. THEY'RE WORKING HARD.
MMH, MMH, IT MUST BE NICE TO BE YOUNG.
WITH SUCH STRAIGHT-FORWARD DREAMS.
...BUT THERE'S A LOTTA GUILDS HERE ON TOLBYCCIA.
AS I THOUGHT,
THE EMPIRE'S GONNA DO THINGS THEIR OWN WAY.

OUCH-!
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOIN'!
HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS!
...HM?
AH, SORRY. I WAS LOST IN THOUGHT ...
-IT'S YOU!!
OH, WHAT A SUR-PRISE!

HE'S PROBABLY GOTTEN HIMSELF IN SOME KIND OF TROUBLE...
THAT GUY....
PROBABLY.
.....

MAN-....
WHERE THE HECK DID YURI GO...?


Please tell us, Rep-ede! ♡
Maybe Repede knows where he is?
That's right!
!!
.....

I FOUND YOUUUU!!!

APATHEIA?
YEAH, THAT.
I HEARD IT WAS IN THAT MANSION, BUT...
I GUESS IT WAS A BAD TIP.
O-H, SO THAT'S WHY YOU SET US UP.
... HUH?
TO TOP IT OFF, YOU'RE NOT EVEN AWARE ...
ARE YOU SURE YOU DIDN'T JUST MIS-UNDER-STAND?
I'VE BEEN SICK.
AHAHA.... THE KNIGHTS DON'T HAVE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT ME.
FOR EXAMPLE, I JUST SAW A DANGEROUS LOOKIN' GUILD HEADED TOWARDS CAER BOCRAM.
!
WHATEVER, BUT IF YOU SWOON HERE THE KNIGHTS ARE GOING TO CATCH YOU AGAIN.
No way
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT LIL' OL' ME?
AS IF.

THE KNIGHTS CAN'T JUST LEAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT ALONE, CAN THEY?
A GUILD....
WAS IT THE BLOOD ALLIANCE?
THE BLOOD ALLIANCE? I WOULDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, BUT...
ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE SPLIT UP?
HM?
AH, THE AMAZON HAS ARRIVED.
I'M GOING TO-
BEAT THE HELL OUT OF YOU!
.....
WAIT, YOU-!
EEEE! SOMEONE SAVE ME!

JUST LEAVE THEM BE.
HUH? THAT'S ....
AH!
YURI!
BESIDES THAT, KAROL... DO YOU KNOW WHERE CAER BOCRAM IS?
OH, SURE.
I THINK THERE WAS A TOWN TO THE NORTH-WEST CALLED THAT, BUT...
EH?! SO SOON?!
ALRIGHT! WE'LL LEAVE IN THE MORNING!
WE'VE GOT TO SETTLE THIS
BEFORE THE LOWER QUARTER DRIES UP...

YAAAWN-
KAROL
YOU'RE DRIBB-LING.
IT'S STILL DARK OUT...
I GET THAT WE'RE IN A HURRY, BUT DID WE REALLY HAVE TO LEAVE THIS EARLY?
WELL, IT'LL ALL EVEN OUT.
SOME-HOW.
RIGHT, REP-EDE?
WOOF!
SOME-HOW... HE SAYS.
WILD INS-TINCT?
how stupid
ANYWAYS, KAROL... ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
ALL WE'VE SEEN IS FOREST...
HUH? BUT, CAER BOCRAM IS JUST AHEAD...
EH?!

Caer Bocram
THIS IS... A TOWN ....?
SEEMS LIKE IT.
BUT THIS IS...
COMP-LETELY IN RUINS...

GEEZ- WHO WOULD EVEN COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS?
WELL, NO ONE DOES.
SINCE CAER BOCRAM WAS DESTROYED IN AN EARTHQUAKE TEN YEARS AGO....
!!
YOU-!!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT SOONER?!
EEH?! IT'S MY FAULT?!
Sigh...
LOOKS LIKE THE OLD MAN GAVE US SOME BAD INFO AGAIN...
IT WAS HIM?!
I'll kill him!
Rita I can't breathe.
WELL, IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
THIS TOWN IS FULL OF OLD AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS...
To see such splendid architeture first-hand is like a dream! ♡
...I GUESS IT'S GOOD SOMEONE'S HAPPY.
YEAH, I GUESS.

THEREFORE, HELPLESS OUTSIDERS SHOULD LEAVE, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE!
STOP RIGHT THERE!
!?
THIS AREA IS NOW CLOSED, BY ORDER OF THE HUNTING BLADES!
...THIS VOICE-

!!

...
NAN!

...
NAN!

THAT'S GREAT... I FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH YOU.
ARE THE BOSS AND TYSON WITH YOU?
WERE YOU OKAY WITHOUT ME?
.....
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SO FAMILIAR WITH ME.
...?
WHAT? THAT'S COLD.
I JUST GOT A LITTLE LOST, IS ALL.
A LITTLE LOST...?
WHAT A LOAD OF BULL!
YOU RAN AWAY.
I DIDN'T RUN AWAY!

MORE LIES.
IT'S TRUE!!
I REALLY DID BEAT THE EGG-BEAR!
IT'S NOT AN EX-CUSE!
MAKING EXCUSES AGAIN?!
WHO WAS IT THAT SAID "I DEFINITELY WON'T RUN AWAY THIS TIME"...?!
IS THIS HOW YOU REPAY BEING TAKEN IN BY THE HUNTING BLADES?
YOU ALWAYS RUN AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE!
THERE ISN'T A GUILD THAT HASN'T KICKED YOU OUT!
!!
AH
YOU'RE ALWAYS LIKE THIS!
AGAIN AND AGAIN...
AH
AH
YOU ALWAYS

KIWAAAAAAH!!
AAAAAAHH-!

!
...AND AGAIN,
YOU'RE FIRED.

IF YOU DON'T ....
LEAVE THIS AREA IMME-DIATELY!
YOU'VE BEEN WARNED!
WE CANNOT GUARA-NTEE YOUR LIVES!!
NAN ...

FIRED...
SHE SAID I WAS FIRED...
BUT .... NAN SAID ....
NAN SAID I WAS FIRED ....
Karol,
You've got to keep your spirits up!
SHE WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
SO THERE'S STILL HOPE, RIGHT?

JUST HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON MOPING AROUND LIKE THIS?!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
LOOK AT THAT!!
WE'RE ALL TOTALLY DRENCHED!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?!
THE RAIN ISN'T MY FAULT, THOUGH ....

I SUPPOSE SINCE WE HAVE A MINUTE, WE CAN FINALLY TAKE STOCK OF OUR SITUATION.
DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT'S GONNA STOP ANY-TIME SOON...
.....
IT'S REALLY COMING DOWN ....
HUH ...
WHAT SORT OF GUILD IS "THE HUNTING BLADES"?
..... KAROL! PLEASE, TELL ME,
....."THE HUNTING BLADES".
IT'S JUST LIKE THE NAME SAYS,
THEY'RE A GUILD THAT MAKES THEIR LIVING HUNTING MONSTERS.

SEEMS LIKE BUSINESS MUST BE BOOMING.
SINCE WE CAN'T AVOID MONSTERS OUTSIDE OF THE BARRIERS.
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE.
BUT THEY DON'T HUNT MONSTERS JUST BECAUSE IT'S THEIR JOB.
MONSTERS ARE EVIL.
THAT EVIL MUST BE DESTROYED.
THAT IS THE CREED OF "THE HUNTING BLADES".
A LOT OF THE MEMBERS HOLD A GRUDGE AGAINST MONSTERS.
NAN, TOO. HER PARENTS WERE KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF HER.
...THAT'S WHY SHE HATES MONSTERS

THOSE ARE "THE HUNTING BLADES".
THE ONE WITH THE BIG SWORD IS THE BOSS, CLINT.
AH
LOOK, THERE ARE PEOPLE...
!
I WONDER WHY THEY BROUGHT SUCH A LARGE GROUP...
.....
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE, MORE THAT USUAL...
BUT IT'S WEIRD ....
OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO FIND "THE BLOOD ALLIANCE".
SO LET'S HURRY AND KEEP GOING.
SHOULD WE GO AFTER THEM?
NAH, LEAVE IT.

HE-Y.
HOW IS IT?
Heh, heh ...
I found the activation switch!
SO THERE'S EVEN MONSTERS IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...!
DAMNIT!
...UM,
EVERYONE, NOW THAT I THINK OF IT...
YEAH?
DIDN'T THEY ADVISE US NOT TO COME HERE?
THAT IF WE WENT ANY FURTHER THEY COULDN'T GUARANTEE OUR LIVES?
THAT'S TRUE... THEN, LET'S GO CAREFULLY.
YES!
...WAIT, WHAT?

HMPH...
PERHAPS WE'VE FINALLY CAUGHT THAT GREAT BEAST...
IT SEEMS THE MONSTER CAN'T ESCAPE THE BARRIER WE SET UP.
BOSS, THIS IS IT.
LET'S GO!

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...I-
I FEEL
SICK.
IT
START-
ED AS
SOON
AS WE
GOT
HERE...
M...
ME
TOO.
はぁ
...WHAT'S
GOING
ON...?

SER-
IOUSLY
....
WHAT'S
GOING
ON IN
THESE
RUINS
....?

!!
TH-
THIS
IS-

HAA
WE'VE
COME
PRETTY
FAR.
HAA

AER!
IT'S DENSE ENOUGH WE CAN SEE IT!
ENOUGH THAT IT'S STARTING TO AFFECT OUR BODIES!
...SO WHAT DO WE DO? TURN BACK?
NO, I'M FINE.
I AM, AS WELL
ME TOO.
WOOF!
ALRIGHT, LET'S KEEP GOING.
AN AER ABNORMALITY, HUH...
I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS.

SORRY, BUT WE AREN'T PEOPLE WHO'D OBEDIENTLY OBEY ANY-THING SOMEONE SAYS.
AND YOU STILL CAME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...-
WHO'S THERE?!
!
...HEY, ISN'T THAT KAROL WITH YOU? I THOUGHT WE FIRED HIM!
I SEEEE...
DIDN'T YOU HEAR OUR FRIENDLY WARNING?
IT LOOKS PRETTY THICK OVER THERE.
IS THE AER MAKING YOU SICK?

WHO'S THERE?!
!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR OUR FRIENDLY WARNING?

AND YOU STILL CAME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS...-
SORRY, BUT WE AREN'T PEOPLE WHO'D OBEDIENTLY OBEY ANY-THING SOMEONE SAYS.
I SEEEE...
...HEY, ISN'T THAT KAROL WITH YOU? I THOUGHT WE FIRED HIM!
IS THE AER MAKING YOU SICK?
IT LOOKS PRETTY THICK OVER THERE.

OUR BUSINESS IS WITH THIS GREAT BEAST!
WATCH QUIETLY FROM OVER THERE.
IT'S FINE YOU'RE HERE.
GREAT BEAST ....?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ....?
WHAT'S THAT...?
HEY ...
IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THAT BLASTIA.
THE WATER IS FLOATING.

WHY IS SOMETHING LIKE THAT HERE....?
THAT'S A REVERSE BARRIER BLASTIA...
WHAT IS IT NOW?!
WH-AAAH?!
IT'S FINE! DON'T PANIC!
THERE'S A MONSTEEER!!
B-BELOW US! TH-TH-
IT WON'T BREAK EASILY-
THE REVERSE BARRIER IS STRONG,

NO WAY!
TH-
THE BLASTIAAAA!!
THAT DRAGON IDIOT AGAIN?!

TH-
NO WAY!

THE BLASTIAAAA!!
THAT DRAGON IDIOT AGAIN?!

HUH? I FEEL BETTER ALL OF A SUDDEN.
ME TOO.
OF COURSE, NOW THAT THE BLASTIA'S BROKEN!
BUT...
THAT MEANS THERE'S NOTHING TRAPPING THAT MONSTER ANYMORE!
SO NOW WE'RE WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE!
THAT'S RIGHT. RAGE MORE!

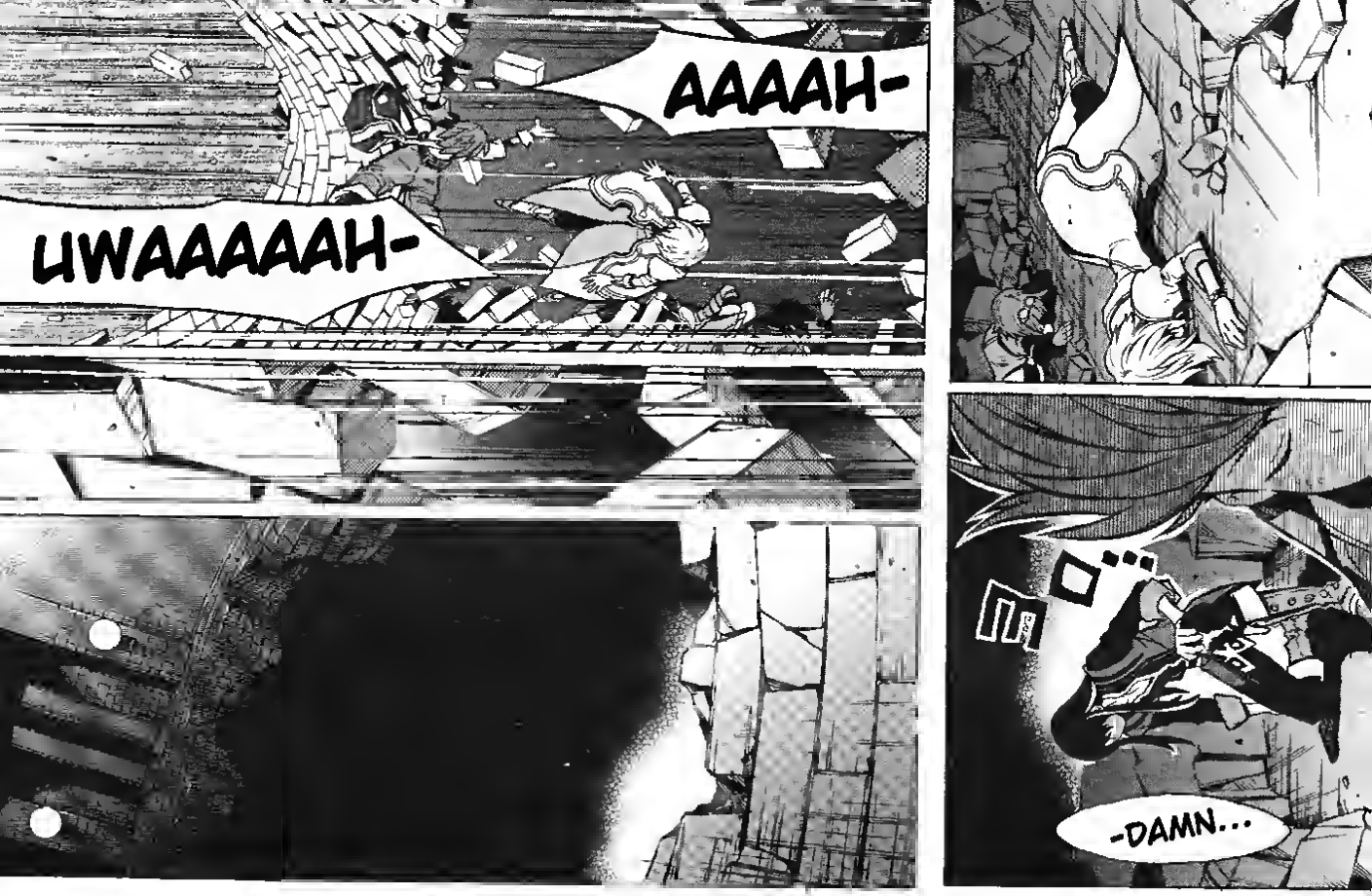
A BEAST IS STILL A BEAST!
I'LL SLAUGHTER YOU WITH MY OWN HANDS!
WHAT?!

...
HMPH.
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE OUT THIS GUY FIRST!
SHOULD BE FUN!!

COME ON COME ON
COME ON COME ON!!
DON'T RUN!!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY!

YO-
GOT YOU!
-HEH-...
!!

IT'S COLLAPSIIIING!!
THE FLOOR-
AH-


AAAAH-
UWAAAAAH-
-DAMN...

...MY LEGS ARE SHAKING.
BUT I GUESS IT'S UP TO US, AFTER ALL.
W...
WAIT, PLE- ASE.

I, TOO,
WILL FIGHT!
DON'T FORGET, I'M HERE TOO.
HAHA...
SUCH RELIABLE MEMBERS.

BUT THIS TIME...
I'D ADVISE AGAINST IT.

HERE IT COMES!
GUH-
KYAA-
DAMN...

IT'S EVEN STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT. AT THIS RATE IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL WE BECOME MONSTER CHOW.
WHAT A JOKE!
LIKE I'M GONNA DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
LET'S GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT!

HM?
THOSE GUYS-
THEY'VE GONE AND CAUGHT OUR PREY...
WHAT IS IT, ESTELLE?
.....
KAROL ISN'T HERE...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, THAT'S TRUE.
HE'S GOTTA BE SOMEWHERE, WE CAN FIND HIM LATER!
HEY, HERE IT COMES AGAIN!

WE'VE GOT TO CONCENTRATE ON THE ENEMY IN FRONT OF US!
THAT'S TRUE...
HAH-
N...
No way...
I can't fight like they do-
HAA-
...!-

I've gotta get out of here!!
UWAAAAAH-!!
KAROL ....YOU IDIOT.
.....

YURI-!
!?
ESTELLE-
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE, OR YOU'LL GET YOURSELF KILLED.
BUT...
IT SEEMS I DON'T HAVE ANY POWER LEFT FOR HEALING ARTS.
I'M ALL OUT OF ATTACK MAGIC, TOO...
WOOF...
ALL THE MORE REASON TO REST IN THE BACK!

I WAS TRAINED IN THE SWORD AT THE CASTLE.
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF. PLEASE, REST.
I CAN STILL FIGHT.
BUT YOU'RE STARTING TO LOOK RATHER UNSTEADY ON YOUR FEET.
THOUGH, THAT SAID...
IT'S FINE, I CAN DO IT!
IT'S MY FIRST TIME FACING SUCH A HUGE MONSTER ....

WAIT.
!
WHA...
!?
WHAT ARE YOU...
DON'T BE CRAZY, ESTELLE ....!!
WE'VE GOTTA DRAW ITS ATTEN-TION!
DAMNIT... REPEDE!
WOOF!

IT STOP-PED...
ITS ATT-ACK?
W...
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
.....

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SAVED, SOME-HOW...
.....
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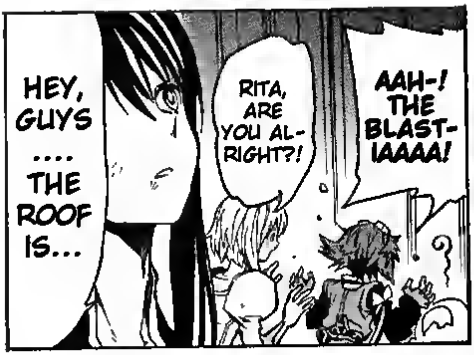

HEY, GUYS .... THE ROOF IS...
RITA, ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?!
AAH-! THE BLAST-IAAAA!

KYAA-

THE BEST PREY RIGHT IN FRONT OF US, LIKE WE'D RUN-
HEH-

IT'S COLLAPSING...!

AWAY-

GWAAAA
AAAAAH-!
BOSS, WE HAVE TO RE-TREAT!
NOW THAT THE MARK HAS FLED, THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO STAY ANY LONGER.
HMPH...
HAVEN'T SEEN A MONSTER LIKE THAT IN A LONG WHILE... WHAT A SHAME.
WE'RE PULL-ING OUT.

...DID YOU FIND HIM?
NO, HE ISN'T HERE.
HERE, EITHER!

WE'VE SEARCHED EVERY-WHERE IN HERE...
PER-HAPS HE WENT OUT-SIDE?
WOOF!
WE'VE GOT NO CHOICE. LET'S GO LOOK!

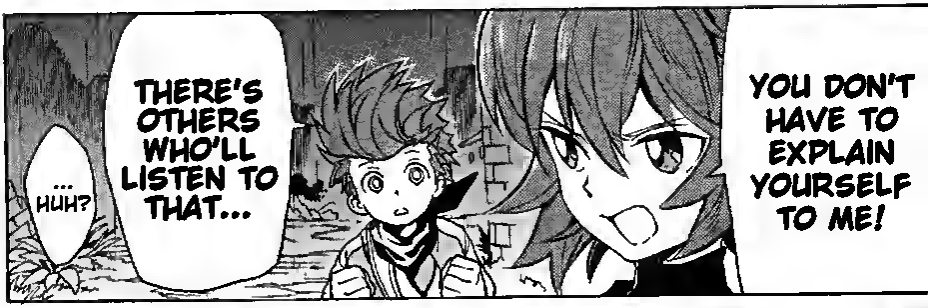
BWAH-

NÄN!
...
HOW!
Y...
YOU'RE WRONG!
ABOUT WHAT?!

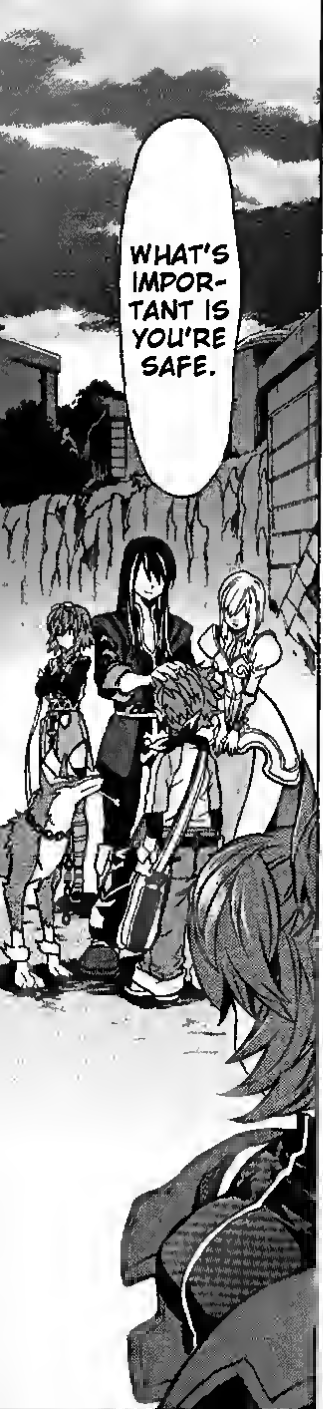
IF YOU DON'T FEEL GUILTY, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO BACK TO YOUR FRIENDS?

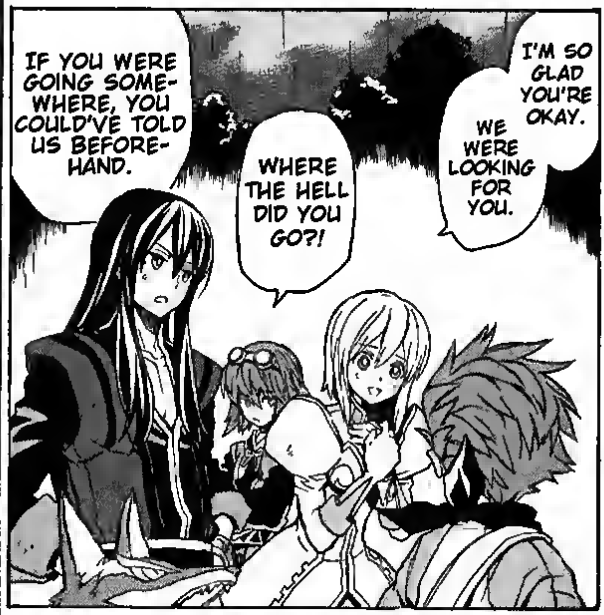
I TOLD YOU, AT HALURE I ....
I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HALURE!

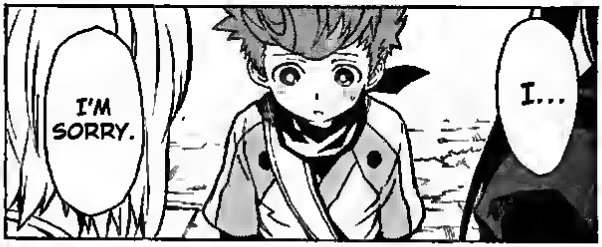
TH-
THAT'S BE-CAUSE ...


YOU DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF TO ME!
THERE'S OTHERS WHO'LL LISTEN TO THAT...
... HUH?

KAROL!
GUYS ...


WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS YOU'RE SAFE.


IF YOU WERE GOING SOMEWHERE, YOU COULD'VE TOLD US BEFOREHAND.
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GO?!
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY. WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOU.


I'M SORRY.
I...

?
WELL... LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE NOT HURT, AT LEAST.

W-
WAIT, NAN!
.....
...I'M LEAV-ING.
!
THINK AGAIN ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
WHAT YOU DID WRONG.
AH...
AND SEE IF YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW...

NAN....
.....
HEY, YURI-!
QUIT TREATING ME LIKE A KID-!
LET'S GO, KAROL.
IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY.

YURI...
THOSE WOUNDS ...
MAN...WHY DO WE ALWAYS GET DRAGGED INTO THIS TROUBLESOME STUFF?
IT WAS REALLY DANGER-OUS THIS TIME, TOO.
I WAS...
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHEN I CATCH THAT OLD MAN...!
L-LET'S TRY AND GO QUIETLY!
EVERYONE WAS FIGHTING THAT HUGE MONSTER...
AND I

YOU IMMED-IATELY RUN AWAY!
EVERY SINGLE TIME!
YOU'RE WRONG!
YOU'RE WRONG! I....
THINK AGAIN ON WHAT YOU'VE DONE.
.....
HE-Y, KAROL!

HURRY UP, LET'S GO!
RIGHT! I'M COMING!
BE-CAUSE ....
JUST WATCH, NAN...
GUYS, WAIT UUUP!
BECAUSE I'LL GET STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT EVERYONE ....!

STOP RIGHT THERE!
I FINALLY FOUND YOU.
IGNO-RANT PEA-SANTS.
CLIMORE ...!!

KUH-...
YOU, OF ALL PEOPLE, HAVE NO RIGHT TO CALL ME AN UNDER-LING.
UNDER-LINGS SURE DO HAVE A LOT OF SPARE TIME...
CHASING US ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE SEA, THAT'S QUITE THE ACHIEVE-MENT.
NOW THEN... PRIN-CESS.
RIGHT. THIS. WAY. ♡
....D-
DO YOU MEAN THE PRIN-CESS IS...
THE PRINCESS IS THE PRINCESS.
...HEY, WHO'S THE PRIN-CESS?
.....
THE ONE RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.

WAH-
HERE THEY COME!
CLIMORE
...WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO WITH THEM?
FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING A PRINCESS, THEY'LL BE TORN LIMB FROM LIMB.
IT'S BEEN DECIDED.
E-
ESTELLE?!
EVERY-ONE, HOW DID YOU...
AH-! SUCH A NOISY PRIN-CESS.
WAIT A MOM-ENT!
THEY DIDN'T KIDNAP ME...!
THIS WAY, PLEASE.
YURI-
ESTELLE IS...-!

WHA-
THESE FLIES WILL DIE HERE!
YURI!
TCH ... YOU LOT ....
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

ARREST THE CRIMINAL YURI LOWELL AND HIS GANG!
THE SCHWANN BRIGADE!
IT'S TROUBLING YOU SEEM TO VIEW OUR DUTIES AS SOME SORT OF HUNT.
PREY... ARE THEY?
THEY'RE MY PREY!
I WON'T JUST HAND THEM OVER!
WAIT JUST A MIN-UTE!
OF COURSE.
DID I NOT HEAR YOU MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT THEM "DYING"?
AND BEFORE ....

WHAT'S WRONG WITH PUTTING CRIMINALS TO DEATH?
SHOULD NOT CRIMINALS BE CAPTURED AND JUDGED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW?
.....
...HMPH.
FINE, TAKE THESE SMALL FISH.
SCHWANN, FLYNN...
SO MANY OF THESE DAMN SELF-IMPORTANT UPSTARTS POPPING UP...
EVEN THAT COMMENDANT....

Now then, Yuri Lowell and gang, quietly allow us to arrest you!
Quietly!
GANG?
WHAT?
NOW THEN... PRINCESS, PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP.
AH...
UM
WAIT A ...WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I AM?!
WA-H
BUT I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
PLEASE DON'T HURT THEM!
I BEG YOU...
ESTELLE.
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL BE FINE.
YURI ....

NOW THEN.
GET WALKING, AT ONCE!

Chapter 16: Caged Bird
...NOW THEN, YOUR 18TH OFFENCE.
THAT'S RIGHT!!
THANKS TO THAT, I WAS BEDRIDDEN WITH A COLD FOR THREE DAYS!!
OH YEAH, I'D FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT...
WASN'T THAT YOU, TWEEDLE-DEE?
IS IT NOT SO THAT YOU THREW A KNIGHT SENT TO COLLECT TAXES INTO THE RIVER?
THAT'S RIGHT!
NOW THEN, CONTINUING. YOUR 19TH OFFENCE.
WHATEVER...
JUST HURRY UP AND FINISH...

HE'S SOMEONE WHO HAS HIS SUBORDINATES DO EVERYTHING FOR HIM; EVEN IF WE MET HIM, HE'S PROBABLY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING.
HE'S TOO GOOD WASTE HIS TIME WITH US.
...OH,
BY THE WAY, WHERE'S YOUR CAPTAIN?
SCHWANN, RIGHT?

FOOLS!!
HOW DARE YOU INSULT CAPTAIN SCHWANN!!

WHO...? WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN INTERROGATION, YOU CANNOT ENTER...
HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO SHOW HIS FACE AT A PLACE LIKE THIS, EACH AND EVERY TIME!!
OUR CAPTAIN IS A HERO FROM THE GREAT WAR, TEN YEARS AGO!!
INDEED!
THAT'S RIGHT!

Y-
YOU ARE-
COMMANDANT ALEXE!!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

RELEASE YURI LOWELL.
LADY ESTELLISE HAS PARDONED ALL OF HIS CRIMES.
SIR!
RIGHT AWAY, SI-
.....
WHAAAAT?!
THIS...
IS A THANK YOU, FROM THE KNIGHTS.
KEEP IT.
I DIDN'T DO IT FOR THE KNIGHTS.
I SEE.

SPEAKING OF, WHAT ABOUT ESTELLE?
SHE HAS AGREED TO RETURN TO THE CAPITAL.
WHAT?!
ESTELLE'S GOING HOME?!
HER HIGHNESS IS WAITING AT THE INN.
SHE WISHES TO SEE YOU.

MAN... THAT TOOK FOR-EVER...
HA HA
IT IS GOOD TO GET OUT OF THERE.
WHERE ARE WE, ANY-WAYS?
IT'S THE BOOM TOWN, HELIORD.
THOUGH IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY FINISHED.
Heliord

DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF KNIGHTS AROUND?
YOU SAID IT.
YOU SAY IT'S A BOOM TOWN, BUT...
YURI, YOU COULD BE A BIT MORE POLITE TO HIS HIGHNESS.
HE WAS GOOD ENOUGH TO PARDON YOUR CRIMES, AFTER ALL.
YURI.
IT'S FINE, FLYNN.
IT WAS SOMETHING ESTELLISE AND I DID ON OUR OWN.
OH, SO YOU TWO WERE HERE AFTER ALL.
WE'RE GOING AHEAD, OKAY?
I'M SICK OF TALKING TO KNIGHTS.

IT SEEMS YOU'VE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT LADY ESTELLISE.
YEAH.
BUT, MAN... I CAN'T BELIEVE ALEXEI SHOWED UP.
IT'S LIKE YOU'VE TOTALLY EMPTIED THE CASTLE, AT THIS POINT. A BIT MUCH, DON'T YOU THINK?
THAT'S TRUE.
...THOUGH, IT'S ALL BECAUSE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LET THE PUBLIC BECOME AWARE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY'S TROUBLES, RIGHT NOW.
YES...
OPINION IS DIVIDED, BETWEEN THE KNIGHTS AND THE COUNCIL.
THOSE "TROUBLES" BEING WHETHER YOU OR ESTELLE WILL BECOME THE NEXT EMPEROR, RIGHT?
.....

THE KNIGHTS ARE SUPPORTING ME.
MEANWHILE, THE COUNCIL IS BACKING ESTELLISE.
THERE'S NO DOUBT ESTELLISE IS ROYALTY.
...SO ESTELLE REALLY IS A PRINCESS.
YES. SHE'S A DISTANT RELATION, BUT...
IT'S A PITY FOR LADY ESTELLISE, BUT...
WANDERING AROUND OUTSIDE IS JUST INVITING DANGER.

FLYNN ....
YOUR MEDD-LING HASN'T CHANGED ONE BIT.
IF WE'RE TO PREVENT THE WORST, WE SHOULD BRING HER BACK TO THE CAPITAL NOW.
I GET THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE PRINCESS, BUT SHE ISN'T THAT FRAGILE.
!
BESIDES, THE ONE WHO'LL MAKE THE DECISION IN THE END...
IS ESTELLE HERSELF.

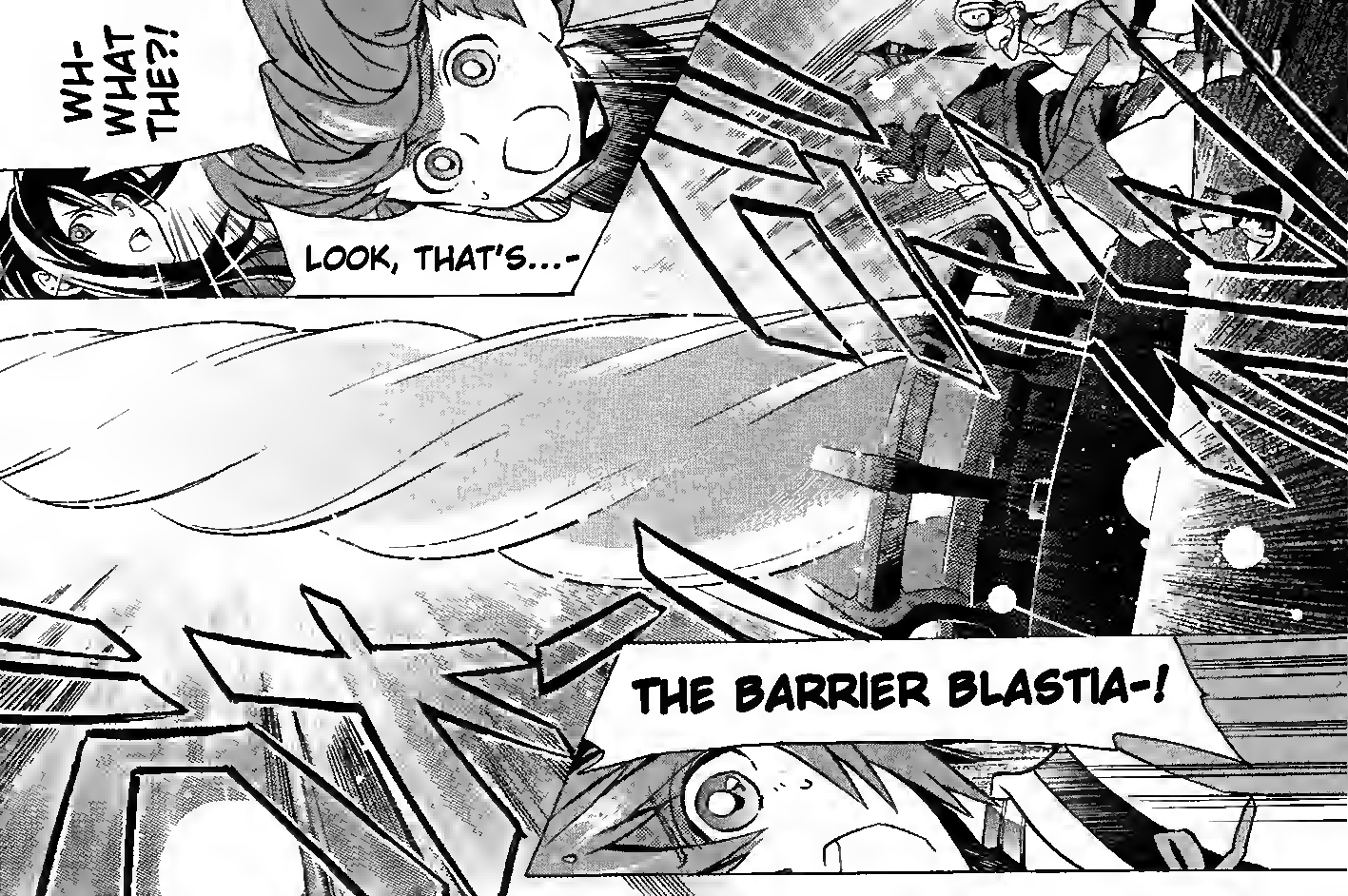
WHAT?!
WE CAN'T GO IN?!
WHAT'S GOING ON, GUYS?
YURI!
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW TO SEE ESTELLISE.
WELL THEN, LET'S GO GET SOME REST FOR TODAY.
ESTELLE ....I GUESS SHE'S REALLY GOING BACK.
SEEMS LIKE IT.
A PRINCESS WOULD UNDER-STAND THAT SHE CAN'T JUST WANDER AROUND THE COUNTRY-SIDE...
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR ME, TOO.
SO THIS IS AS FAR AS ESTELLISE GOES...
TO HEAD BACK TO ASPIO.
I DON'T NO SLEEP.
WHAT? YOU TOO, RITA?

...HUAA.
MUST BE NICE.
EVERY-ONE HAS SOME-WHERE TO GO HOME TO.
BUT I'M...
WOOF!
REP-EDE, DID I WAKE YOU?
HA HA.
DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOU HAVE ANY TROUBLES. I'M JEALOUS.
.....

IF WE COULD KEEP TRAVELLING LIKE THIS,
IT'D BE NICE
TOGETHER, FOREVER...
.....

HEY,
HEY... WAKE UP, GUYS.
MORNIN'...
AH~ WHAT IS IT, SO EARLY IN THE MORNING?
THERE'S A WEIRD NOISE.
LOOK, OVER THERE.
UM... THAT'S THE BARRIER BLASTIA, RIGHT?
BUT THE TONE IS OFF.
WAIT A MINUTE-!
Bahi-!

WHAT-! WHY'RE YOU STOPPING ME?!
THE KNIGHTS ARE IN THIS TOWN.
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING.
IT'S THEIR JOB TO PROTECT THE TOWN.
THAT'S RIGHT.
GAH-!!
LOOK,
FLYNN'S ON IT ALREADY.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LOOK, THAT'S...-
THE BARRIER BLASTIA-!

THE PLANTS ARE GETTING HUGE...
YEAH ....
IT'S GOTTA BE THAT BLASTIA'S DOING...
EVACUATE THE CITIZENS TO A SAFE LOCATION.
YES, SIR!
THE AER IS RUNNING WILD... THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT IT WILL DO.
HEAR THAT? WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
BUT RITA IS...!
THAT IDIOT!

IT'S OKAY, JUST HOLD ON...
I'LL ADJUST THE AER AMOUNT, THAT SHOULD CALM YOU DOWN...
WE'LL GET YOU BACK TO NORMAL...
LO
LO
LO
LO
LO
LO
...GOT IT!
IT'S DANGEROUS!
GET BACK!
AH-
AH

KUH-!
THIS IS BAD-
RITA!
!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, RITA....?
...WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE...?

!!
.....
UH...
RI-
RITA-

Haa
Haaa
LADY ESTELLISE! ARE YOU HURT ...?!
I'M FINE.
BUT WE NEED TO HURRY, RITA IS....
BRING HER AND FOLLOW ME.
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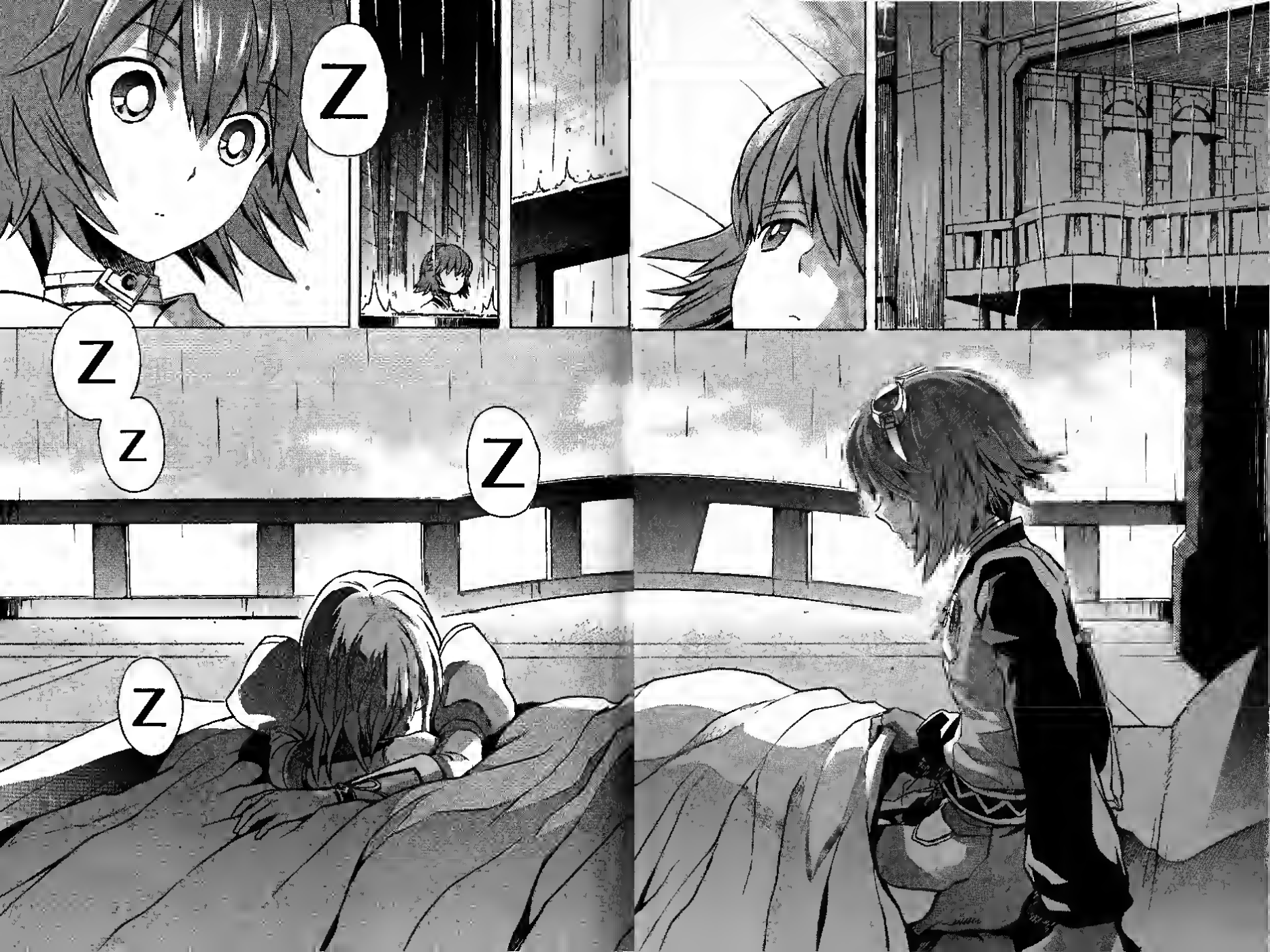
uh-
CAN YOU STAND, ESTELLE?
Y... YES.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YOU WENT AND PUSHED YOURSELF.
...GEEZ-
THE ONE WHO PUSHED HERSELF IS YOU.
...OH?
YOU'RE BEING AWFULLY MEEK.
...THAT'S TRUE.
MAKE SURE YOU THANK ESTELLE, LATER.
SHE'S BEEN LOOKING AFTER YOU THIS WHOLE TIME.
YEAH, I WILL.
AM I?
THOUGH ....I GUESS THAT'S TRUE.

I WONDER IF IT'S BECAUSE OF HER.
NO, I'M FINE.
AND...
MM...?
AH
RITA!
YOU'RE AWAKE!
TELL ME IF IT HURTS ANY-WHERE.
I'LL HEAL YOU RIGHT AWAY.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP PRETENDING TO USE YOUR BLASTIA.
YEAH.
THAT YOU CAN USE HEALING ARTES WITHOUT A BLASTIA IS PRETTY AMAZING.
E-EVERY-ONE...
HOW DID YOU...

!!
WOAH-!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
CLEARLY, SOME-ONE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO KNOCK BEFORE COMING IN.
OH, I KNOW WHO IT IS.
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN CAUSE THIS MUCH TROUBLE-

IT'S THAT DRAGON IDIOT!!
TCH-
WE'RE AT A DISAD-VANTAGE, FIGHTING SOMEONE IN THE SKY.
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?
IT'S THE PERFECT CHANCE TO SHOOT HIM DOWN!
BUT, RITA...
YOU MUSTN'T PUSH YOUR-SELF.

FOR BOTH SICKNESS AND INJURIES,
THE MOST DANGEROUS TIME IS WHEN YOU THINK YOU'RE HEALED.
...HM-
I'M NOT A CHILD-!!
.....
HM?
OH?

GOING HOME?
RITA... IN TERMS OF ESTELLE'S HEALING ARTES, LET'S LEAVE IT HERE FOR NOW.
THAT'S FINE. I HAVE A GENERAL UNDER-STANDING OF IT, ANY-WAYS.
WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN IMPOR-TANT CON-VERSATION!
DAMN-IT, THEN WHY'D HE COME AT ALL?!
B-BESIDES THAT, YOUR SOFT-HEARTED PERSON-ALITY...
SHOULDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT?
I'M NOT SAYING IT HASN'T HELPED ME OUT, BUT,
YOU SHOULD THINK BEFORE YOU ACT, ESTELLE.
JUMPING IN TO SAVE PEOPLE WITHOUT THINKING IS GOING TO GET YOU IN TROUBLE SOMED-

-AY?!
Rita!!
Just now, what you just said..
Could you say it once more?
EH-
"YOU SHOULD THINK BEFORE YOU ACT..."
NO, AFTER THAT!
E...
YES?
E...
E...
sfx: hugging
ESTELLE, CALM DOWN...
You finally called me by that name!!
Rita!!
ESTE...LLE...

...SO?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
IT'S FINE.
I'M ALREADY ....
YOU'LL CATCH A COLD, SITTING OUT HERE IN THE RAIN.
NAN WAS RIGHT.
THE TRUTH IS, I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

IT'S NATURAL YOU WERE SCARED TODAY.
EVEN THE COMMANDANT WAS HELPLESS.
AND TODAY, TOO.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
BACK IN HALURE,
AND CAER BAKRAM,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THERE ARE PLENTY OF TIMES EVEN ADULTS CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
YEAH, EVEN ME.
EVEN YOU?
BY THE WAY, YURI.
THE WORLD REALLY ISN'T SIMPLE.
...I GET IT.

WOULD YOU MAKE A GUILD WITH ME?
OH-
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS, REPEDE?
SO?
WHAT ARE YOU TWO UP TO?
NOTHING...
ㅋㅋㅋ,ㄱㅅ...

I WONDER.
THIS HAS ALL INTERRUPTED MY HUNT FOR THE BLOOD ALLIANCE.
IN THAT CASE- WE SHOULD GO TO DAHNGR-....
HM? OH,
SO WHAT WILL YOU ALL BE DOING FROM HERE ON?
...-ST
IS NO GOOD ...
IF I GO BACK, EVERYONE WILL LAUGH....
DAHNGREST...?
AH, YEAH.
You heard of it?
DAHNGREST IS THE CITY OF THE GUILDS, SO I WAS THINKING WE COULD LEARN ALL SORTS OF THINGS THERE...
OKAY, LET'S CHECK IT OUT.
HUH?
IF WE'RE GONNA MAKE A GUILD TOGETHER,
WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT SOME REFERENCES.

HEY, HEY. I HAVEN'T AGREED TO ANYTHING YET.
IN THAT CASE, LET'S GO!!
I'm gonna start a Guild with Yuri!
Really?
.....
OH, I KNOW!
ESTELLE, WHY DON'T YOU COME, TOO?
WELL,
I WONDER IF I COULD?
!
IT'S WORRYING, WHEN YOU SAY UN-REASONABLE THINGS SUCH AS THAT.

NOW THEN, RITA MORDIO.
WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE FOREST OF KEIV MOC.
IT IS IMPERATIVE LADY ESTELLISE RETURN TO THE CAPITAL.
MY SPECIALITY IS BLASTIA, NOT PLANTS.
BESIDES....
WE'RE SENDING YOU TO EXAMINE THE AREA.
THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF PLANT ABNORMALITIES AND LARGE OUTBREAKS OF MONSTERS.
I WANT TO GO WITH HER!!
IF ESTELLE IS GOING TO THE CAPITAL,
.....

UM-
THEN, IF I MAY-
YOU ARE AN IMPERIAL RESEARCHER.
YOU'RE UNDER CONTRACT TO GO WHERE WE WISH.
I WANT TO BE OF SOME HELP AS WELL...!
...BUT, IN THAT CASE-
THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY PROBLEM IF I WENT ALONG WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF THE FOREST, IS THERE?
AND IF AN ESCORT IS NECESSARY, I WOULD REQUEST YURI.
... PLEASE, ALEXEI.
IT'S JUST AS FLYNN PREDICTED.
EXCELLENCY.

HUH?
WHAT ABOUT FLYNN?
FLYNN LEFT A MESSAGE FOR YOU:
"TAKE CARE OF LADY ESTELLISE."

I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.
...WELL THEN,

...SO, OFF TO KEIV MOC?
DAHN-GREST FIRST.
HMPH....
I JUST WANT TO HURRY AND GET THIS ANNOYING INVESTI-GATION OVER WITH.
THE FOREST OF KEIV MOC IS PRETTY FAR WEST OF DAHN-GREST, THOUGH.
GEH-
IT'S THAT FAR?!
YEAH, IT LOOKS LIKE IT...
SAY,
DO YOU THINK WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE IN TOWN COULD HAPPEN AGAIN?
...MUST BE NICE, BEING SO CARE-FREE.
RITA REALLY IS AMAZING.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT'S ALL RIGHT TO SEARCH FOR IT.
WHEN IT COMES TO THE THINGS SHE CARES ABOUT,
ONCE SHE MAKES A DECISION, SHE DOESN'T FALTER.
IF YOU STAY ON THIS JOURNEY, YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING.

Dahngrest

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SO THIS IS DAHNGREST, HUH?
SEEMS LIKE A LIVELY PLACE.
THAT'S TRUE.
IT'S THE SECOND LARGEST CITY, NEXT TO THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.
AND IT'S RUN ENTIRELY BY THE GUILDS...
SO WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO SHIFTY?
WHA-?!
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I'M NOT...
YO, KAROL.

IT'S BEEN A WHILE, HASN'T IT?
COMING BACK WITH YOUR TAIL BETWEEN YOUR LEGS, HUH?
THAT KAROL... SO THIS IS WHY HE DIDN'T WANT TO COME.
BY THE WAY, I DON'T SEE NAN AROUND.
SO SHE FINALLY DUMPED YOU, HUH?
...KAROL,
YOU'VE GOT TO START ASSOCIATING WITH A BETTER CALIBER OF PEOPLE.
I AGREE!!
I DOUBT YOU ARE A QUALITY ACQUAN-TANCE!
KUH-
WATCH YOUR MOUTH ....!

AH, WAIT-
HEY, LET'S GO!
!
IT'S AN ALARM.
MONSTERS ARE COMING.
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS IT?
...THIS SOUND,
WHA-
THEN, THAT CLOUD OVER THERE .....
THAT'S QUITE THE HORDE.
...IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS, LATELY.

AS LONG AS WE'RE IN THE TOWN, WE DON'T NEED TO WORRY-
.....
THE BARRIER BLASTIA HERE IS STRONG.
BUT, WE'LL BE FINE.
HUH?
I-IS GONE?!
THE BARR-IER

WHA-?!
GO AND DO WHAT?
"WHAT"? ISN'T IT OBV-IOUS?

LET'S GO.
T-THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE, HOW-
YEAH.

WE'RE GOING TO STOP THAT HORDE!!

HI-YAH!
WHOA!!
HAA... PHEW.
HM?
I-IT'S STRANGE TO SEE THIS MANY.
YOU'RE RIGHT-
JUST HOW MANY ARE THERE ...?
NO MATTER HOW MANY WE BEAT...
THERE'S NO END TO THEM...!

WHAT?!
THEY'RE GOING FOR THE TOWNS-PEOPLE!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, YURI?
OVER THERE-
AH-
AAH, DAMN IT-
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT-!!

IT'S THE DON!
WHOA ...
WHO'S THE GEE-ZER?
BRING IT ON!!!
DON WHITEHORSE!!
OOOH!
IT'S THE DON!
THE DON IS HERE!
THIS OLD MAN WILL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!
WHAT'S THIS, ALL OF A SUDDEN?

ALLOW US TO OFFER OUR HELP SUBD-UING THE MON-STERS!
FLYNN-!

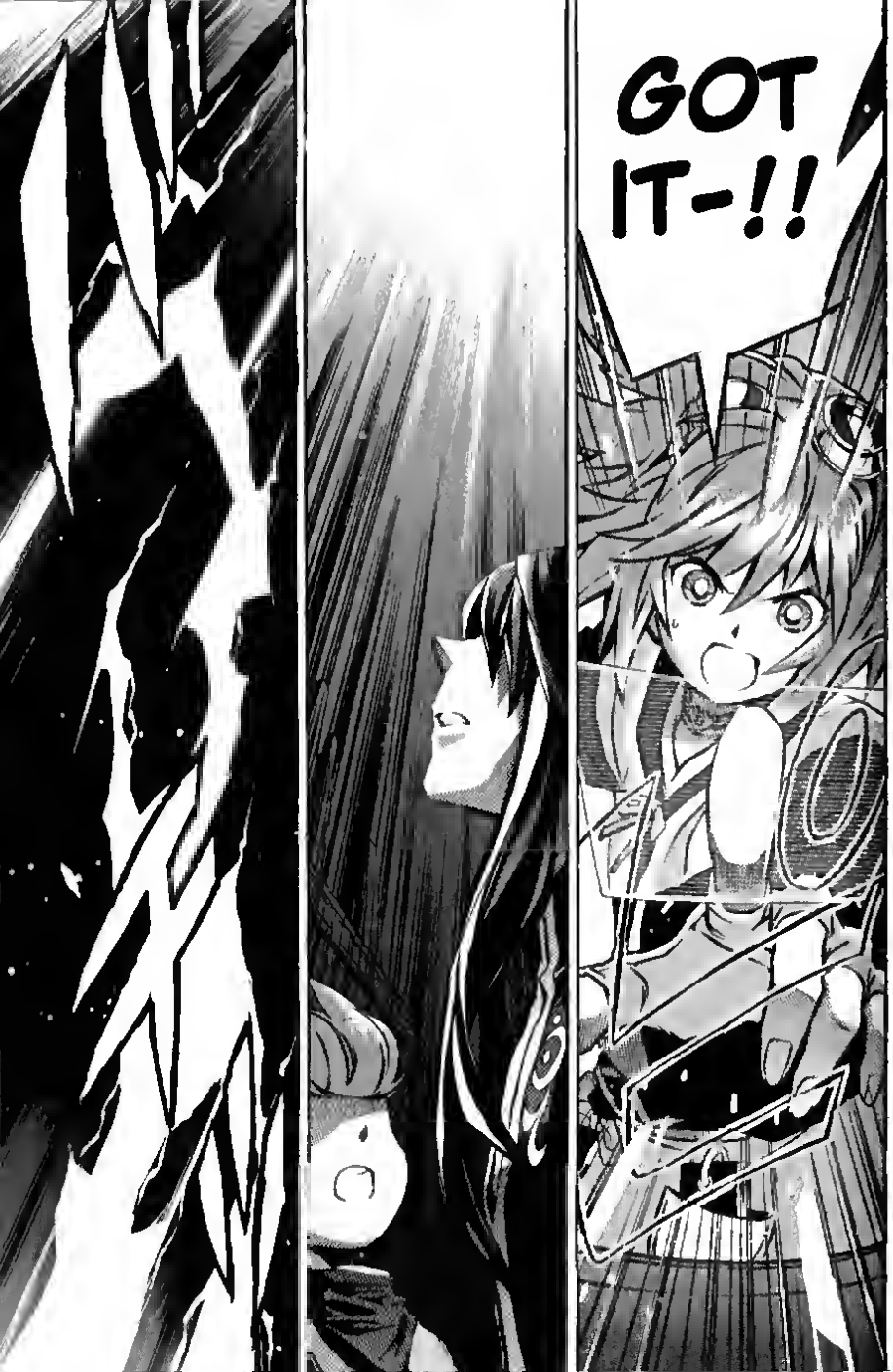
!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, KIDDO!
BUT SIR! WITH THE BARRIER DOWN, NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO-
BEAT IT.
IF WE GOT SAVED BY THE KNIGHTS, THERE'S NO WAY WE'D BE ABLE TA HOLD OUR HEADS UP HIGH ANYMORE!
YOU'RE ANNOYING. EVEN IF I TELL YOU, YOU WON'T UNDERSTAND.
SOMEONE WHO'D CRAWL BACK TA THE EMPIRE WHEN THE GOIN' GOT ROUGH...
YOU WON'T FIND SOMEONE LIKE THAT IN THIS TOWN.
EVERYONE HERE CHOSE TA LEAVE THE EMPIRE AND JOIN A GUILD.

SO THIS IS A TRUE GUILD!!
COME ON, YOU LOT! LET'S GET TO WORK!
THESE ARE THE RULES WE'VE CHOSEN.
AND IF WE DON'T PROTECT THEM, WHO WILL?
NEVER BENDING YOUR BELIEFS, NO MATTER WHAT...
...I SEE.

I GUESS HE WAS THE LOOK-OUT.
HOW AW-FUL...
CAN YOU FIX IT?
LET'S SEE...
YEAH! IF IT'S LIKE THIS, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SOME-THING...
THE CORE'S INTACT, SO I JUST NEED TO FIX THE FORMULA...
HM?
THIS IS... AMPLI-FICATION?
AND THIS FORMULA ....
IT'S THE SAME AS BACK IN NOR HARBOR ....

RITA-!
HÜH?
BAD MOVE.

FORWARD!
DON'T LET THEM TAKE ONE STEP TOWARDS THE CONSOLE!
RITA!
WE CAN'T HOLD THEM FOR LONG!
I KNOW!
HOLD ON...
.....JUST A LITTLE MORE....
I'VE ALMOST....


GOT IT-!!

AS EXPECTED OF RITA!
Phew.
Well... I'm just glad the core was intact.
THEY DID IT!
THE BARRIER'S BACK!

THE RED-EYES AGAIN...

LIEUT-ENANT ....
I KNOW.

SINCE IT'S OUTSIDE THE CITY, THE GUILD'S WON'T BE ABLE TO COMPLAIN.
ALRIGHT, LET'S CLEAN UP THE MONSTERS OUTSIDE.

HE WON'T BE BACK FOR A WHILE.
HE JUST WENT CHASING AFTER THE MONSTERS.
WHAT-? HE ALREADY LEFT?!

THAT'S RIGHT,
WE NEVER GOT TO MEET WITH THE DON.

HM?
ARE YOU GUYS LOOKING FOR THE DON?

...HEY,
IF WE CAN'T DO WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO, LET'S GO AND FINISH MY ERRAND.
WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO COME BACK...
DAMN IT.
I GUESS, SINCE WE DON'T HAVE ANY CLUES AS TO WHERE HE'S GONE.
I SUPPOSE WE COULD HEAD TO KEIV MOC.
KEIV MOC, HUH...
I WAS JUST THINKIN' OF HEADIN' THERE, MYSELF.
MIND IF I TAG ALONG?
!!
RAVEN?!

...HEY.

HE'S STILL HERE.
♪
NO WAY!
IS HE GONNA FOLLOW US ALL THE WAY THERE?

That old man sure smells fishy, don't you think~
HIS WHOLE BODY JUST REEKS OF IT.
It's his fault we went through all that awful stuff in Nor Harbour.
I WONDER WHY HE WANTS TO COME TO KEIV MOC?
It's suspicious...
Ah, here he comes.

WHAT'S THIS?
YOU WORRYIN' 'BOUT THIS OLD MAN?
What?!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, DARLIN'?
UM... YES.
KYA-!
ぱふっ
ARE YOU SERIOUS, ESTELLE?
Eh?
Um... He doesn't seem like a bad person.
♪
たた…
THIS OLD MAN...!
HUH?
AREN'T YA GONNA WELCOME ME BACK?
WELL, HE'S THE TYPE WHO COMES AND GOES AS HE PLEASES.
HEY! HOW MUCH LONGER ARE WE GONNA LET HIM KEEP MESSING WITH US LIKE THIS?

WELL, ALRIGHT.
EVEN IF WE TOLD YOU NOT TO COME, YOU WOULD ANYWAYS, RIGHT?
...BUT IF YOU TRY AND PULL ANYTHING, I COULDN'T SAY WHAT I'D DO.
THERE'S YOUR WELCOME.
YES, SIR.
I'LL BE GOOD.
The Giant Forest of Keiv Moc

THIS PHENO-MENON ...
IT'S TO A LESSER EXTENT THAN HELIORD, BUT IT'S THE SAME THING.
THE AER IS OVER-FLOWING.

THE MONSTERS LOOK PRETTY DIFFERENT HERE, TOO.
ゴク…
THE PLANTS…
THEY'VE GROWN QUITE LARGE HERE, AS WELL.
HEY…
IF YOUR INVESTIGATION'S OVER, COULD WE HURRY UP AND LEAVE?
THE AER IS RUNNING WILD.
IT'S NO DOUBT THE CAUSE OF ALL THOSE ANOMALIES.
OH?
YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF BUGS, ARE YOU?
……

We brought bug spray, remember?
HAHA-
THANKS, BUT...
I DON'T THINK THAT'LL BE ENOUGH....
CAREFUL, EVERYONE!!
THE MONSTERS SURROUNDED US!!

AAH,
SO I'M GONNA DIE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
GOODBYE, MY FANS THE WORLD OVER...
"HERE LIES THE WORLD'S GREATEST HACK". I'LL BE SURE TO WRITE THAT ON YOUR GRAVE.
YOU'RE NOT GONNA SAY IT?!
.....
YOU'RE S'POSED TA SAY SOMETHIN' LIKE "WE'LL MAKE IT THROUGH THIS TOGETHER!"
COULD YOU SHUT YOUR MOUTH UNTIL WE'RE THROUGH THIS CRISIS, OLD MAN? YOU'RE NOT HELPING.
HEY-
THEN HURRY AN' DO SOME-THIN' ABOUT THAT AER.
IT'S THE MAGIC USER'S TURN, THIS TIME.

YOU SAY THAT, BUT,
IF I KNEW HOW, I WOULD HAVE DONE IT ALREADY ....

THE AER?
...WHAT?
IT'S CUTTING ...

HOW THE HELL....?
DUKE.
.....
...STAY AWAY FROM THE AER KRENE.
AER KRE-NE?
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU MEAN THIS PLACE?
SOURCES OF AER SCATTERED ACROSS THE WORLD.
THOSE ARE AER KRENE.

THE MONSTERS ARE LEAVING...
SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE CALMED DOWN.
THANKS. YOU REALLY SAVED US.
WAIT!

WHAT IS THAT SWORD?
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
AND WHAT WAS GOING ON WITH THE AER...

WHAT?
OBVIOUSLY, I WOULD....
...NO,

AND WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE?

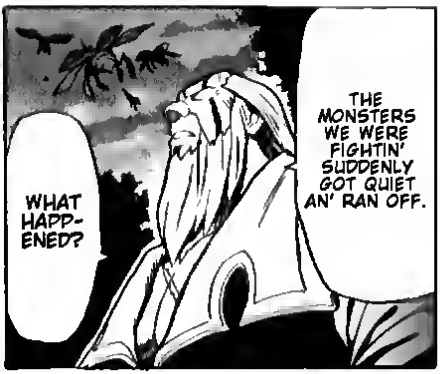
I THOUGHT IF I KNEW I COULD STOP THE BLASTIA FROM RUNNING WILD...
BUT...
LIKE THE ONE BEFORE.

IF THE PROBLEM IS WITH THE AER...
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...?!
THIS WAS A DISTORTION.
A NATURAL PHENOMENON.
A... DISTORTION?
WHAT IS HE SAYING? CAN HIS SWORD MANIPULATE THE AER...?
NO... IT'S MORE LIKE IT PUSHED IT BACK.
BUT DIRECTLY INTERFERING WITH THE AER SHOULD IMPOSS-
AH-
UNLESS-

THAT POWER IS-
THE RIZOMATA FORMULA ....
...HE LEFT.
OI,
WHAT'RE YOU LOT UP TO?
!

¡¡NO!!

PLEASE, LET ME SEE.
AH... YOUR WOUND....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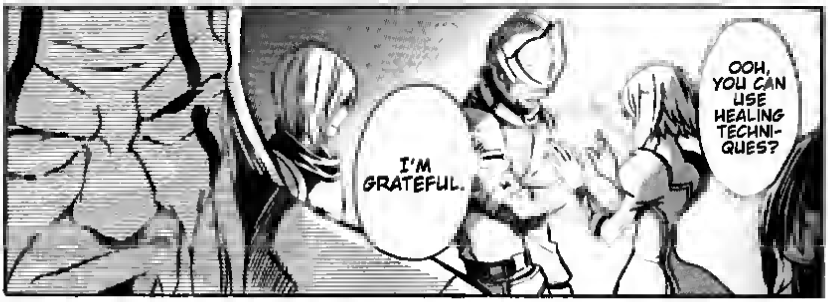
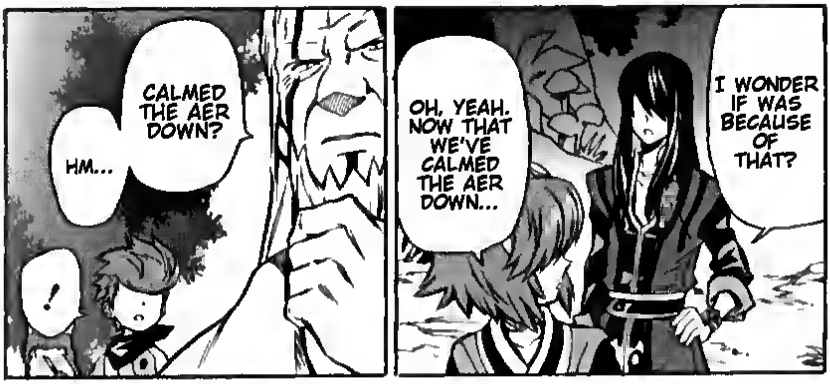
THE MONSTERS WE WERE FIGHTIN' SUDDENLY GOT QUIET AN' RAN OFF.


I'M GRATEFUL.
OOH, YOU CAN USE HEALING TECHNI-QUES?


CALMED THE AER DOWN?
HM...
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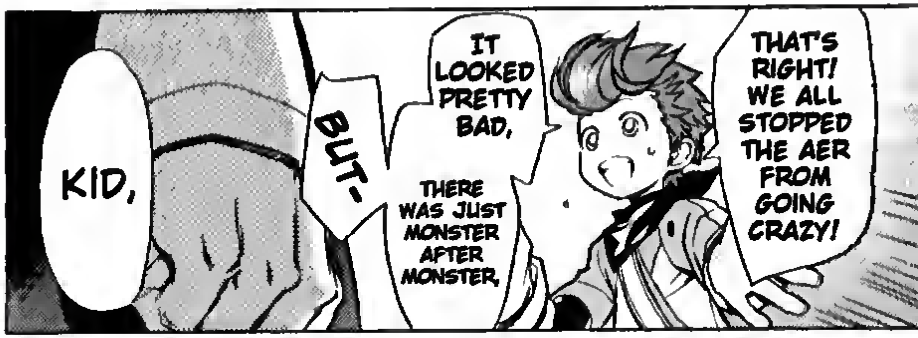
OH, YEAH. NOW THAT WE'VE CALMED THE AER DOWN...
I WONDER IF WAS BECAUSE OF THAT?


KID,
BUT-
IT LOOKED PRETTY BAD,
THERE WAS JUST MONSTER AFTER MONSTER,
THAT'S RIGHT! WE ALL STOPPED THE AER FROM GOING CRAZY!

TEEHEE-
HEY RAVEN.
QUIT HIDIN', COME ON OUT.

YOU SHOULD KEEP SOME THINGS CLOSE TO YER CHEST.

I'M SORRY.
I-

YOU AREN'T CAUSIN' TROUBLE FOR PEOPLE OUTSIDE YOUR GUILD, ARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT!
THE ONE DOIN' MOST OF THE WORK 'TIL THE MONSTERS GOT QUIET WAS ME, AFTER ALL!
WH...
...ALTOSK.
SUPERVISORS OF THE UNION AND ONE OF THE FIVE GREAT GUILDS, THEY BOAST THE LARGEST MEMBERSHIP.
THAT'S BECAUSE THEIR BOSS IS THE DON.
WHAAAAT-?!
RAVEN'S A MEMBER OF ALTOSK?!
DON WHITEHORSE.
YEAH?

I SEE.
WELL THEN, LET ME APOLOGIZE.
BUT I GOTTA HEAD BACK TO DAHNGREST TO TAKE CARE OF SOME BUSINESS.
I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE, BUT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO TALK TO YOU.
SURE THING.
IF I'VE GOT YOUR WORD, I DON'T MIND WAITING.
HMPH.
EVEN MY ENEMIES AREN'T THAT BRAZEN WITH ME.
'TIL THEN, YOU'LL HAFTA EXCUSE ME.
COME BY THE UNION, AND I'LL LISTEN TA WHATEVER YOU HAFTA SAY.
YOU LOT'D MAKE A GOOD GUILD.

A GUILD ...HUH.
WE'RE GONNA MAKE ONE, RIGHT?
WELL,
WE'LL SEE.

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YO... SO YOU FINALLY CAME.
YURI!

OH?
WE'RE OLD FRIENDS.
...YES.
WHAT, YOU TWO KNOW EACH OTHER?
SO, . . .
WHAT'S YER BUSINESS?
YOU'RE AFTER BARBOS, AS WELL?
WE CAME TO ASK YOU ABOUT BARBOS.
.....
!
YOU TOO, HUH?

I'VE BEEN SENT TO ASK THAT THE UNION ABANDON THEIR TREATY WITH THE BLOOD ALLIANCE.
BARBOS AND HIS GUILD HAVE BEEN ABUSING BLASTIA AND WREAKING HAVOC WHEREVER THEY GO.
WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, I BELIEVE WE COULD BRING THE BLOOD ALLIANCE DOWN.
BAR-BOS, HUH?
I'LL ADMIT, HE'S BEEN A PAIN IN MY ASS RECENTLY.

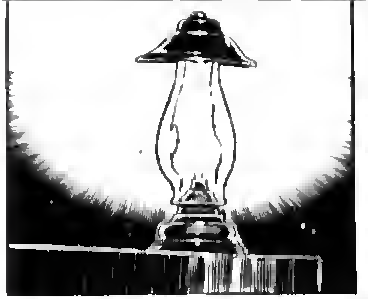
IT'S THANKS TO YOU THAT WE AVOIDED A CLASH BETWEEN THE GUILDS AND THE EMPIRE THE OTHER DAY.
HE'S NEVER BEHAVED LIKE A PROPER GUILD SHOULD.
BUT IF BARBOS IS LEFT UNCHECKED,
RELATIONS MAY ONCE AGAIN BEGIN TO DETERIORATE.
OF COURSE.
I'VE BROUGHT A LETTER SAYING AS MUCH FROM HIS HIGHNESS IODER
WE MUST STOP BARBOS NOW!!
AND IF WE DO THIS, IT'D BE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH THE EMPIRE, YEAH?

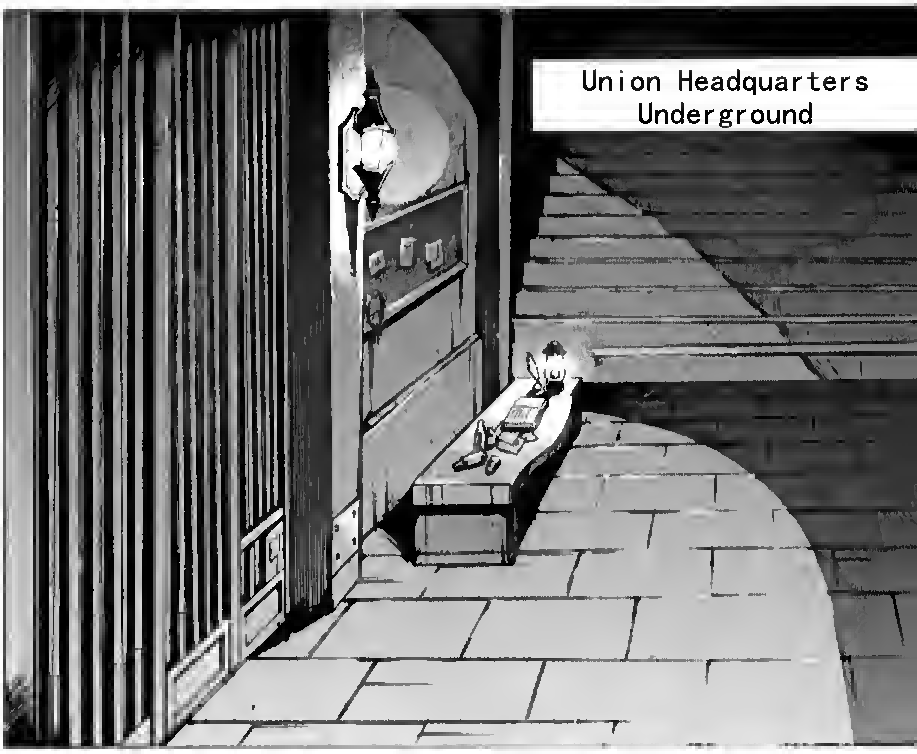
OH? A SECRET LETTER FROM THE IMPERIAL CANDIDATE, HUH?
READ IT. OUT LOUD.
IF YOU OFFER UP DON WHITE-HORSE'S HEAD,
THE UNION'S PART IN THE MATTER OF BARBOS WILL REMAIN UNQUESTIONED.
WHA-?!

NOW THAT MAKES ME LAUGH!
WAHA HAHA HAHA HAA!
SEEMS YOU AND HIS HIGHNESS AREN'T EXACTLY ON THE SAME PAGE.
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE! MASTER IODER WOULD NEVER-
THIS ISN'T ....
...WHAT....
!
OI, SHOW OUR GUEST TO HIS PRIVATE SUITE.

ALL-OUT WAR WITH THE EMPIRE!
WE'LL THROW EVERYTHING WE GOT AT THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL!
WE'LL MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF OUR GUEST, AND TEAR HIM APART!
SEE IF THEY CAN MAKE A FOOL OF ME!

TH...
THIS IS REALLY BAD.
WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING, ESTELLE?
TO CONFIRM THIS AT THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.
IF I DON'T, FLYNN WILL...
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
AT THIS RATE, THERE REALLY WILL BE A WAR...
...
HUH?
AND IF YOU GO OFF BY YOURSELF, YOU'LL JUST MAKE YURI WORRY ...
THAT'S RIGHT.
...
I GET HOW YOU FEEL, BUT,
IF YOU MOVE WITHOUT THINKING, IT'LL JUST MAKE THINGS WORSE.
YURI?

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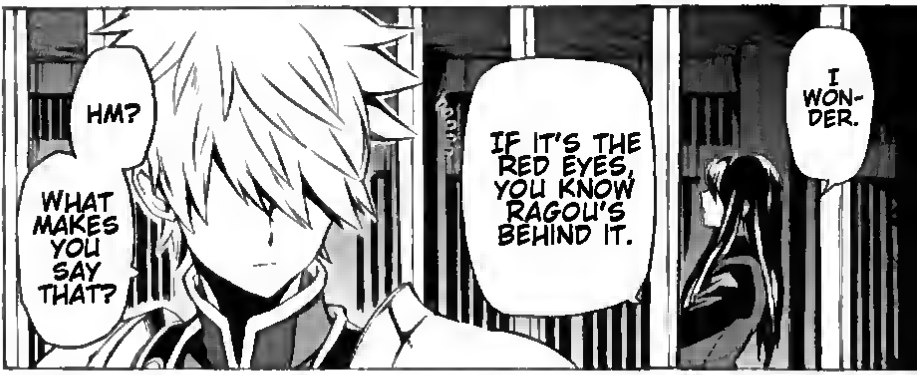
OH?
CAUGHT ME ALREADY?
IS THAT YOU, YURI?

I SUPPOSE YOU'VE COME TO LAUGH AT ME.
ABSOLUTELY.
HOW OFTEN DO I GET TO SEE YOU LOOKING ALL MEEK AFTER BEING ARRESTED?
BEING THROWN IN JAIL ONCE IN A WHILE
IS GOOD FOR ONE'S PERSPECTIVE.
THAT WAS PRETTY STUPID OF YOU, BRINGING A LETTER LIKE THAT HERE.
IT WAS THOSE RED EYES' DOING.
WE WERE ATTACKED BEFORE ARRIVING IN DAHNGREST.

EVEN IF IT WAS, THE BLAME STILL LIES WITH ME.
WAS IT ONE OF YOUR SUBOR-DINATES?
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO MISS SOME-THING LIKE THAT.


HM?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
IF IT'S THE RED EYES, YOU KNOW RAGOU'S BEHIND IT.
I WON-DER.

...DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY'RE AFTER?

MOST LIKELY, A WAR BETWEEN THE KNIGHTS AND THE GUILDS.

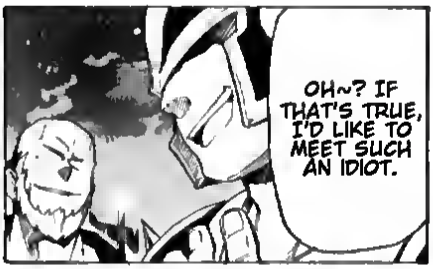
BACK AT THE HARBOUR... I SAW RAGOU GIVING ORDERS TO THEM.
SO, IT WAS LIKE THAT...

THAT'D BE BAD.
AND IT'S LIKELY THE KNIGHTS GOT A FAKE LETTER, TOO.
!
YES...
IN ORDER TO RILE THE KNIGHTS...!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH,
YOU'D BETTER GO AND GET THE REAL LETTERS BACK.
.....
YOU'RE THE WORST, HAVING THE KEY ALL THAT TIME AND MAKING ME WAIT.

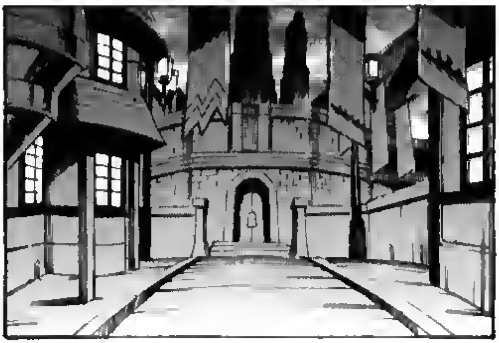
AND I DON'T MAKE IT BACK...
IF YOU STAY HERE,
YOU'LL DIE IN MY PLACE.
I KNOW.

HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
SOME IDIOT TRIED TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE UNION.

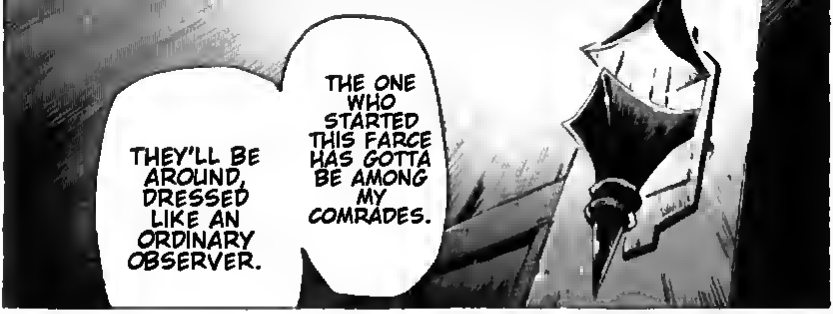
WE'VE GOT THE DON, AFTER ALL!


OH~? IF THAT'S TRUE, I'D LIKE TO MEET SUCH AN IDIOT.

EVEN IF THEY ARE THE EMPIRE, IF ALL THE GUILDS TEAM UP, WE'LL BEAT 'EM TO A PULP!



....
SO YOU TOOK YOUR FRIEND'S PLACE...HUH.
YOU LOST YOUR MIND, BOY?
HMPH.
I HAD A FAVOUR I WANTED TA ASK THE ROOKIE KNIGHT.
...I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM THE OLD MAN WHO GETS RID OF HIS OWN GUARDS.


THEY'LL BE AROUND, DRESSED LIKE AN ORDINARY OBSERVER.
THE ONE WHO STARTED THIS FARCE HAS GOTTA BE AMONG MY COMRADES.

IF I DIDN'T LOOK EAGER, THE MASTERMIND WOULDN'T COME AND WATCH.

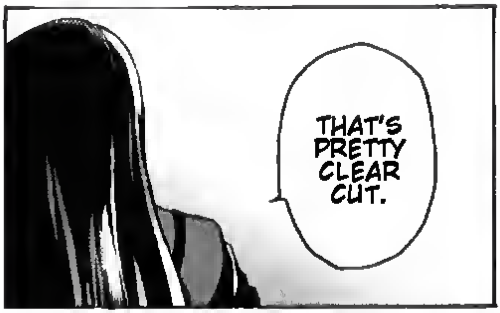
IF YOU KNEW IT WAS A FARCE, WHY STIR UP THE GUILDS LIKE THIS?

I KNOW.

.....THAT'S HOW IT IS.
OF COURSE, IF YOUR KNIGHT FRIEND DOESN'T COME BACK, I'LL TAKE YOUR LIFE.

...HEY.
WHY'D YOU START A GUILD, ANYWAYS?

AREN'T THERE SOME THINGS THAT ARE EASIER TO PROTECT, THOUGH?
I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT WHAT'S IMPORTANT, UNDER THE EMPIRE'S RULES.
...BUT ARE YOU WILLIN' TO TOLERATE EVERYTHING YA DON'T LIKE?
EVEN IN THE LOWER QUARTER WE STILL HAD THE BARRIER. THERE WAS NO WAY FOR MONSTERS TO ATTACK US, AT LEAST.
IF YOU CAN'T ABIDE THE EMPIRE'S RULES, YOU GOT TWO CHOICES.


THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR CUT.

YOU COULD BE LIKE THAT ROOKIE KNIGHT, ALL EAGER TO CHANGE THINGS FROM THE INSIDE...
OR YOU CAN STRIKE OUT ON YOUR OWN, AND MAKE YOUR OWN RULES.

THAT'S RIGHT.
I WAS GONNA HAVE YOUR KNIGHT FRIEND SEARCH OUT THE MASTER-MIND OF ALL THIS IN TOWN.

YOUR YOUNG LADY FRIEND'S BEEN RUNNING AROUND, HEALIN' THE INJURED.
YOU REALLY ALRIGHT WITH JUST RELAXIN' DOWN HERE?

SO NOW YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?

I'LL LEAVE HOW YOU WANNA TAKE RES-PONSIBILITY UP TO YOU.

....
ESTELLE, HUH.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HER.
DID YOU FIND HIM?
NO, HE'S NOT HERE, EITHER.
DAMNIT, WHAT IS THAT IDIOT DOING, AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
....
HM?
ISN'T THAT...?

...WHAT THE HELL IS THAT OLD MAN THINKING?
HURRY UP! IT'S ABOUT TO START WITHOUT US!
AH, YURI!
HE KNOWS IT'S A FAKE, BUT IT'S ABOUT TO TURN INTO A REAL BATTLE!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
YEAH, I CAN SEE THAT.
THERE'S AN EME-RGENCY!
NOT THAT!
WE FOUND THEM!
THE BLOOD ALLIANCE!
WHAT?!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, BARBOS?!

SEEMS EVERY-THING'S GOING NICELY.

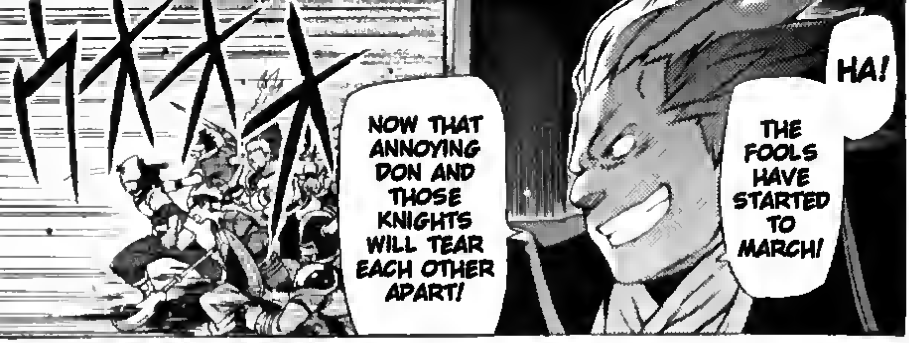
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN BUILDING THAT TOWER,
AND USING LEVIATHAN'S CLAW AS YOU PLEASE?!
AND MOREOVER, NOT REPORTING ANY OF IT TO ME!
.....?
WHY WOULD I REPORT TO YOU?
JUST AS YOU ASKED, I GATHERED CORES...
AND IT'S THANKS TO THAT YOU WERE ABLE TO BUILD YOUR WEATHER-CONTROLLING BLASTIA, CORRECT?
EXACTLY- BUT I DON'T REMEMBER TELLING YOU YOU COULD KEEP THE EXTRA CORES!
LISTEN UP, RAGOU ....
I DON'T REMEMBER AGREEING TO BE YOUR LAPDOG!
KUH-
BAR-BOS, YOU ....!
IT SEEMS LIKE ALL THE VILLAINS ARE HOGGING THE BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE.

IT'S A GOOD CROWD IN HERE.

!

ALL THIS CHAOS, IT'S YOUR DOING!
KUH-

YOU KIDS, HUH...
LIKE I SAID, THERE WON'T BE A NEXT TIME.


HA!
THE FOOLS HAVE STARTED TO MARCH!
NOW THAT ANNOYING DON AND THOSE KNIGHTS WILL TEAR EACH OTHER APART!

AH-
WITH THE KNIGHTS GONE, WHO WILL PROTECT THE EMPIRE....?
WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A THING-!

THE KNIGHTS AND THE UNION WILL FALL TOGETHER.
JUST LIKE FLYNN SAID.

YOU MEAN-
YOU DID THIS TO DESTROY THE UNION, AND GET RID OF THE DON!?

AND ONCE THE KNIGHTS ARE WEAKENED, THE COUNCIL CAN STEP IN AND DOMINATE THE EMPIRE...

THIS BATTLE CAN'T BE STOPPED ANYMORE!
WHAT CAN YOU DO, NOW THAT YOU KNOW?
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.

STOP!
STOP-!!
EVERY-ONE, SHEATH YOUR SWORDS!

I COME BEARING A LETTER FROM MASTER IODER!
MY NAME IS FLYNN SCIFO!
THE LETTER YOU RECEIVED WAS THE WORK OF A REBEL FACTION!
WITH-DRAW YOUR ARMIES!
FLYNN!

I WAS BEGINNING TA THINK YOU WEREN'T COMING BACK.
I WOULD NEVER DREAM OF ABANDONING HIM.
RAGOU-!
YOU FAILED ON THE EMPIRE SIDE!
EEK-!

GOT 'EM!!
NICE JOB, KAROL!
AH-
HE'S AIMING AT FLYNN!
!
DAMN KIDS!
I WON'T LET YOU STOP ME!

!!
HM?
UH...
HEY, ARE YOU ALRIGHT, KAROL?
Y-YEAH... SOME-HOW.
...LOOK, THE CORE IN THAT WEAPON IS...!

THE AQUA BLASTIA .....!
COULD THAT BE...
HA HA!
I HAVEN'T USED THIS BLASTIA MUCH, YET!
THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE!
I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS FROM THE BEGINN-ING!
GUAH-!

WH-
WHAT-?!
HIM AGAIN ....!
RITA!
LEAVE IT FOR NOW!
YOU ALL ....
GET IN MY WAY...
AND I'LL MAKE SURE YOU REGRET IT...!

H...
HE CAN FLY?!
EH?
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'VE GOTTA CATCH THAT GUY.
HEY,
IF YOU'RE CHASING AFTER HIM, LET ME COME ALONG.

WHA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
HE'S THE ENEMY!
I'M GOING AFTER BARBOS!
I'VE GOT TO BRING BACK THE LOWER QUARTER'S CORE, NO MATTER WHAT!
YURI-!
...
YOU GUYS HOLD DOWN THE FORT!

IN THAT CASE, WHY NOT CHASE AFTER 'EM?
I AGREE-
NO KIDDING. WE DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO LOOK AFTER THINGS.
NO WAY-!
HOW COULD HE JUST LEAVE US BE-HIND?!
WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY FURTHER WRONG-DOINGS TO OCCUR!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA WHERE BARBOS IS HEADED.
RAVEN?!
YOU WANNA GO?
OR...
WE'RE GOING AFTER BARBOS!
WE'LL GO!

DID IT WORK ...?

WH-
!!
...!
HEY, YOU OK-
!
AAAAAAAAH-!

.....
DAMNIT!
THE BLASTIA'S BROKEN!
I'LL BE SURE TO GIVE YOU A PAINFUL DEATH AS PUNISH-MENT...!
UH...
!!
.....
TAKE THEM AWAY.

...A
WO-
MAN?!

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...
...YO,
YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE.
!

ARE YOU HURT?
SORRY ABOUT BEING RECKLESS, BEFORE.
I'M FINE, THANK YOU.
BECAUSE OF THAT ARMOUR, I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE A MAN.
"DRAGON RIDER"... HUH.
NO,

I SEE.
SO WE WERE CAPTURED.
ABOUT THAT...
WHY DO YOU KEEP DESTROYING BLASTIA?
THIS IS UNFOR-TUNATE.
AS IT IS, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DESTROY THE BLASTIA...
.....
I DESTROY THEM BECAUSE I WANT TO.
THAT'S ALL.
HMPH...
SAY,
WHY DON'T WE TEAM UP A LITTLE LONGER?
!

THEN IT'S DECIDED.
WELL,
SINCE I MISSED MY CHANCE TO DESTROY THE BLASTIA ON THE ROOF.
AH...
YURI!
TAKE THAT-
YAH-!
GUAA-!

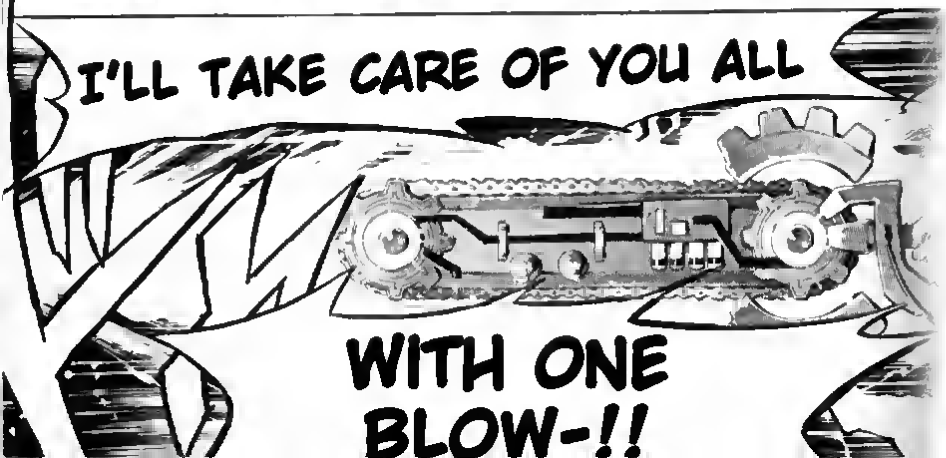
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE ALRIGHT!
ESTELLE, WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
YOU GUYS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AFTER THE TOWN.
AND DRAGGING ESTELLE ALONG...
!
I DECIDED TO COME MYSELF!
THAT'S RIGHT! WE WERE ALL WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
WELL...
I WONDER WHAT YOU CAN DO, NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE.
.....
!!
HEHEH...
AS EXPECTED OF YURI, THEY'VE BEEN TOTALLY BEAT!
WITH THIS...

BY THE WAY, YURI, WHO IS THAT...?
SHE SHARED A CELL WITH ME...
...THOUGH, I NEVER DID LEARN YOUR NAME.
SO? AREN'T YOU HAPPY TO SEE US?
GEEZ... YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
I'M YURI.
YURI LOWELL.
JUDITH. NICE TO MEET YOU.
!
UUH...

BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO SIMPLY TURN A BLIND EYE TO BARBOS.
WE'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO.
UWAA... THAT'S A LOTTA STAIRS~
HE'S GOTTA BE ON THE TOP OF THE TOWER.
SEEMS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHAT.
WE'D BETTER GET GOING.
WE NEED TO HURRY!
...

!!!
BARBOS!

YOU BRATS ...
YOU'RE PRETTY PERSISTANT, COMING BACK AGAIN!

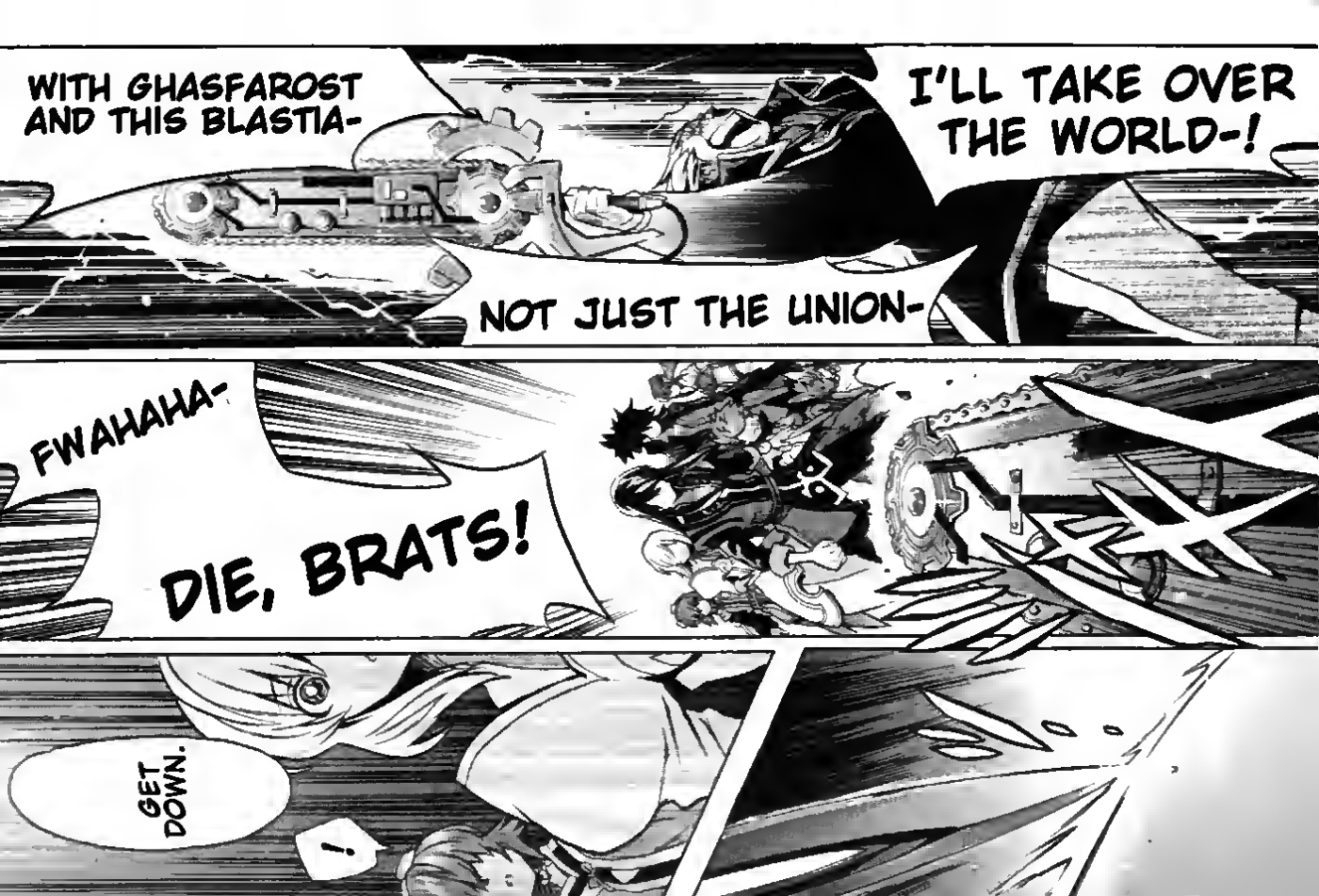

I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU ALL
WITH ONE BLOW-!!

ALWAYS RUINING MY PLANS!
AND NOW HERE, AT GHAS-FAROST...
KAPUA NOR, DAHN-GREST ....

YOU BRATS ...
YOU'RE PRETTY PERSISTANT, COMING BACK AGAIN!
ALWAYS RUINING MY PLANS!
AND NOW HERE, AT GHAS-FAROST...
KAPUA NOR, DAHN-GREST ....

!!!
BARBOS!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU ALL
WITH ONE BLOW-!!

!!
KUH... THAT WEAPON AGAIN...
IT ISN'T SOMETHING WE CAN LEAVE IN A CARELESS HAND.
HMPH... YOU LOT...
WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THAT CONFIDENCE FROM BEFORE?
I'VE SPENT TEN YEARS OF MY LIFE BUILDING GHASFAROST.
ALL WITH DON WHITEHORSE NONE THE WISER!


WITH GHASFAROST AND THIS BLASTIA-
I'LL TAKE OVER THE WORLD-!
NOT JUST THE UNION-
FWAHAHA-
DIE, BRATS!
GET DOWN.
!

HYAA!
AH-
HIM AGAIN!

WHAAAT?!
WH-
KUH-
ONE AFTER ANOTHER....
!!
MY BLAS-TIA...
AND MY TOWER...
LOOKS LIKE THE TABLES HAVE TURNED, BARBOS.

WHAT'RE YOU BABB-LING, BRAT?
SURR-ENDER. NOW.
NOW, TAKE UP YOUR SWO-RDS!
Ah~ here they come.
BE SURE TO SAVOR YOUR TASTE OF THEM!
THE BLOOD ALLIANCE I BUILT,
AND MY OWN POWER...

I CANNOT SIMPLY STAND BY AND ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE.
PEOPLE WHO DON'T REGRET ANY OF THE DESPICABLE ACTS THEY'VE COMMITTED...
IF YOU INTEND TO CONTINUE YOUR WRONG-DOINGS,
WE'LL BE THE ONES TO STOP YOU!

GUH-
...HEY,
BAR-
BOS!
...

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GUH-
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…
はあ
はあ
…HEY,
BAR-
BOS!

I'M NOT DONE YET!
NO, NOT YET.
THAT'S ENOUGH. WHY DON'T YOU JUST GIVE UP ALREADY?
I WON'T FALL IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
...?
TH-
THEY'VE BEEN DEFEATED?!
WHAT?!
IMPOSSIBLE!
MY BLOOD ALLI-ANCE...

WOOF!
...
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE DONE!
BAR-BOS.
COME ALONG QUIETLY!
HMPH-
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS AS FAR AS I GO.
HEY, BRAT...
LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING.

PEOPLE LIKE YOU MAKE BIG ENEMIES IN THE WORLD.
JUST LIKE THE DON DID.
AND THEN THE WORLD'S GONNA EAT YOU ALIVE.
!!
REGRETS,
SORROW...
AND DESPAIR WILL HOUND YOU ALL THE WAY TO HELL.
AND I'LL BE WAITING THERE FOR YOU.

B-
BARBOS-!

JUST HAD TO GET THE LAST WORD IN, DIDN'T YOU?
....
"WAITING FOR ME IN HELL"
...HUH.

!
CONSUL RAGOU.
PLEASE COME ALONG QUIETLY.
KUH.
I WON'T FORGET THIS, FLYNN SCIFO!

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING'S FINALLY BEING DONE ABOUT RAGOU.
YES, NOW THAT THE EMPIRE AND THE UNION HAVE SIGNED A TREATY.
I'M GLAD THE CORE IS OKAY.
YEAH.
I WAS WORRIED IT HAD BEEN BLOWN AWAY WITH THE BLASTIA.
Speaking of, that Duke person.
What do you think he was doing at that tower?
!
NO IDEA.
AH-!
I FORGOT-!
I'M GOING TO FRY THAT DRAGON FREAK, NEXT TIME WE MEET!
LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT NOT TO TELL THEM ABOUT JUDY.
LET'S HEAD BACK TO THE INN AND GET SOME SLEEP.
WELL,
THAT'S ONE THING SETTLED, AT LEAST.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, ESTELLE?
ARE YOU GOING BACK TO THE CASTLE?
YES.
NOW THAT RAGOU'S BEEN CAPTURED, THE CASTLE IS SAFE AGAIN.
SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR ME TO BE ON THIS JOURNEY ANYMORE.
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
BUT YOU DON'T REALLY WANT TO GO BACK.
THAT ISN'T TRUE.

I'LL GO BACK.
I DON'T WANT TO CAUSE ANY MORE TROUBLE FOR FLYNN AND THE PEOPLE AT THE CASTLE.
...ALL RIGHT.
...
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GONNA BE LONELY FROM NOW ON, REPEDE.
WOOF-

IT'S...
IT'S TERRIBLE!
はぁ
CALM DOWN, KAROL.
WHAT ABOUT RAGOU?
RAGOU-
RAGOU IS-
YURI, LISTEN!
AFTER ALL THOSE THINGS HE'S DONE-
THIS IS DEFINITELY STRANGE!
....
HE USED HIS POSITION ON THE COUNCIL TO HAVE HIS SENTENCE LIGHTENED!
!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL GET AWAY WITH JUST A LITTLE LOSS OF STATUS!
AH! THAT'S RIGHT!

.....
MAYBE IF I ASK ESTELLE, SHE'LL KNOW WHAT TO DO!
AH-
WAIT, KAROL!
....DAMN.
WHAT IS FLYNN DOING...?
FLYNN?! THAT OUTFIT...
SO YOU CAME, AFTER ALL.

FROM TODAY ONWARDS, I'VE BEEN PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN.
...I SEE.
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN EVEN FURTHER AHEAD OF ME.
CONGRA-TULATIONS ON BE-COMING CAPTAIN.
THANK YOU.
BUT YOU DIDN'T COME HERE JUST TO CONGRATULATE ME, DID YOU?

ALL THAT, AND YET,
BECAUSE HE'S A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, WE'RE UNABLE TO CHARGE HIM...!
TURNING NOR HARBOR INTO HIS OWN PRIVATE FEIFDOM, COMMING TREASON WITH BARBOS...
NEGLECTING HIS PEOPLE, EVEN EXECUTING THEM IF HE DIDN'T LIKE THEM...
WITH MY PROMOTION, I THOUGHT I'D FINALLY GOTTEN A BIT CLOSER TO MY GOAL.
BUT,
THE REALITY IS, I CAN'T EVEN BRING A PERSON LIKE RAGOU TO TRIAL.
YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD, SO THAT YOU CAN CHANGE THINGS.
...IT'S NOT OVER YET, RIGHT?

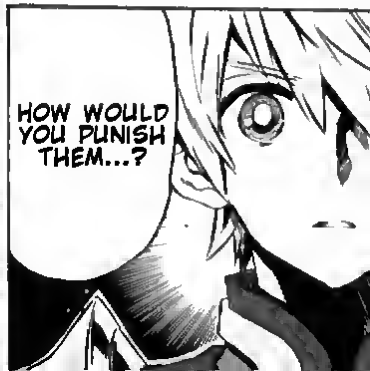
I KNOW IT'S FRUSTRATING, BUT DON'T LET YOUR TEMPER GET THE BETTER OF YOU, ALRIGHT?
WHEN I THINK ABOUT THAT, I....
BUT, IN THE MEANTIME, SO MANY PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER...
THAT'S TRUE.
I'LL BUILD A SYSTEM WHERE EVERYONE IS TREATED EQUALLY, REGARDLESS OF STATION.
AND THEN...
CLIMB EVEN HIGHER THAN RAGOU.
YEAH.
DEFINITELY.

YURI.
WHY NOT RETURN TO THE KNIGHTS...?

THAT'S
AND I'LL DO THINGS MY OWN WAY.

....YURI?

THE VILLAINS THE LAW CAN'T TOUCH...


HOW WOULD YOU PUNISH THEM...?

THAT FLYNN SCIFO-
TO THINK A WELP LIKE THAT COULD THWART MY PLANS...
I WON'T FORGET THIS...!
AH
YOU'RE...!
I WILL BRING THE FULL MIGHT OF THE COUNCIL DOWN ON...
...HM?

Y-YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS...!
S-SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
I'M A MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL COUNCIL...!
DO YOU INTEND TO KILL ME?!
!

D-
DEIN NOMOS...
A LITTLE MORE, AND...
IT WOULD HAVE...
BEEN MINE...
...THE LAW MAY FORGIVE YOU,
BUT I NEVER WILL.

.....
SO YOU'RE REALLY GOING, HUH?

For sure!
AND YOU REALLY MEAN IT, DON'T YOU?
FOR SURE HONESTLY, YOU...
YES.
PLEASE COME VISIT THE CASTLE, ONCE IN A WHILE.
!
HUH? WON'T YOU GO, RITA?
OF COURSE I'LL GO!
...B-BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS, AFTER ALL!
I SEE.
IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD HAVE HAD A PROPER GOODBYE.
UM, WHERE'S YURI?
I FINALLY SAID IT!
Bluuuush
STILL SLEEP-ING.

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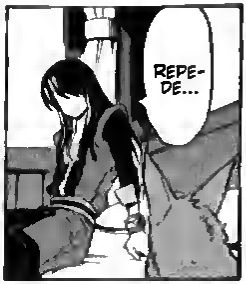
REPE-
DE...

WOOF!

HAHA-
WHAT MUST YOU THINK OF ME, HUH?

ESTELLE, ARE YOU
REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?
THIS IS...!!
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT...?

MON-
STERS?
HAHA... THERE'S NO WAY THAT-
!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THAT, A MONSTER?!
HEY-
!!
AAAAH-!
AH-
...WH-
WHAT IN THE WORLD...!?

Insipid poison
of this world...
Disappear!

SO HOW WAS A MONSTER ABLE TO GET INSIDE?!
NO WAY!
THE BARRIER'S STILL ACTIVE...
LADY ESTELLISE ...!

A POISON OF THE WORLD ....?
....
I'M
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
YURI,
WHY ARE YOU...?
!

I WANT TO LEARN THE TRUTH FOR MYSELF...!
YURI!
I...!
ESTELLE.
I'M GOING TO CONTINUE ON THIS JOURNEY.
IF YOU'RE GOING BACK TO THE CASTLE, YOU SHOULD HURRY AND FIND FLYNN.
DECIDE, ESTELLE!
YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE FOR YOURSELF!
I...
I WANT...
TO LEARN MANY MORE THINGS...

!
ドサ
WAAAA-!

WHA-JUD-ITH?!
WHAT IS SHE DOING?! IT'S DANGER-OUS!
LOOK...
THE MONSTER'S LEAVING...
....WHY?

LADY ESTE-LLISE!
YURI!

FLYNN, TAKE THIS-
THIS IS...-
GIVE IT TO THE OLD MAN IN THE LOWER QUARTER, WOULD YOU?
I'M GOING TO START A GUILD.
YURI... WHAT ABOUT YOU?

TAKE GOOD CARE OF ME, KAROL.
YEAH!
OOH, SOUNDS LIKE A FUN TRIP.
MIND IF WE TAG ALONG?
RITA...
I-
I guess I can keep travelling with you guys, for a bit.
JUDITH, RAVEN!
EVERY-ONE'S HERE!
BUT, LADY ESTELLISE...
SO THIS IS YOUR PATH.
...I SEE.

I'M SORRY, FLYNN.
I CAN'T JUST SIT IN THE CASTLE.
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLD,
SO MUCH MORE I WANT TO LEARN-

I BELIEVE IN THIS "PATH" I'VE CHOSEN.
LET'S GO, YURI.
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT. NO MATTER WHAT'S AHEAD,

AND I'LL CONTINUE TO WALK IT!
END

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